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Action groups to fight on in court

Names throw out Lloyd's £900m offer

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

■ Lloyd's of London faces years of litigation after rejection of its final offer to loss-making names. Agents could be pursued to the point of insolvency

THOUSANDS of Lloyd's names yesterday rejected a £900 million package to compensate them for huge insurance losses and threatened to embroil the world's leading insurance market in years of litigation.

More than 17,000 names are now expected to take their fight to the courts, and the first case is due to start in April.

For the compensation package to go through, £630 million of the £900 million put up by Lloyd's in December had to be taken up. But although nearly half the names included in the offer backed the deal, they were outvoted by the big losers, and Lloyd's insiders were surprised yesterday to learn that the acceptances were well short of the threshold at only £342 million.

David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman, regretted the outcome and said he was particularly sorry for those names who were not taking legal action. He also issued a warning to those seeking redress through the courts: "Litigation is an untidy, lengthy and expensive route. It may yield benefit to some who have chosen it, but I fear that others will be disappointed."

Mr Rowland, who insisted that the offer was the best possible, also expressed confidence that even defeat in the courts would have no bearing on the future of the market. While individual names have become more vociferous about their losses, it has become far less important to Lloyd's to placate them as new corporate names have provided a fresh source of funds. These companies do not have to pledge their entire wealth to meet the market's losses, as individuals are required to do.

Over the past three years, Lloyd's losses totalled £5.5 billion, largely because of a string of catastrophes including shipping disasters, oil spills, air crashes as well as claims for pollution and asbestosis. And last week, names were warned that they could be called to pay another £2 billion or more in May.

The rejection of the compensation deal means the first case — and one of the biggest — will probably to go ahead in April. It involves the Gooda Walker Action Group, which is trying to recover more than £580 million for some three thousand names, many of whom have lost £1 million or more. Michael Deeny, the pop promoter who chairs the group, said: "We will continue our legal case in a determined fashion and expect a judgment in the High Court before the end of the year."

Another thirty or so actions are planned; some have court days set for next year, but the bulk are unlikely to be heard for several years. The names are sueing their members' agents — the Lloyd's professionals who advised on which syndicates they should join — and the managing agents who looked after the syndicates' affairs. The likelihood of protracted litigation raises the prospect that some of the agents may end up having to pay damages in excess of their insurance cover — and some names will take great pleasure in pursuing them all the way to bankruptcy.

But Tom Benyon, a former Conservative MP who represents some of his fellow names, said: "Names are moving from one vale of tears to another. I don't think they know quite how bad the litigation route is."

Marie-Louise Burrows of the Lime Street Action Group, where losses well in excess of £1 million are common, agreed, saying: "I greatly regret the litigation route. Had the terms not been so draconian, Lloyd's could have found a way round. But names' treasured legal rights have been dragged from them in return for a mess of pottage."

She was referring to Lloyd's insistence that names give up their rights to take legal action in return for the compensation package, while they would still not have been protected from future losses.

Names were also unhappy about the size of the settlement, which would have given most of them less than £100,000. About a hundred were offered between £500,000 and £750,000 and another forty between £750,000 and £1 million.

Christopher Messer, another action group chairman, accused Lloyd's of encouraging confrontation, adding: "Names have little reason to trust Lloyd's as this trust has been misplaced. Lloyd's can no longer take for granted blind compliance from names, nor can they rely on them to continue to write unlimited cheques for losses they now know should not have been theirs in the first place."

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PAUL VICENTE

Frozen unicorn: the Jubilee Fountain in New Palace Yard, Westminster, during yesterday's freezing weather

Forecast is worse after day of chaos on roads

By Edward Gorman

TWO more inches of snow was forecast in many parts of Britain this morning after the coldest weather of the winter brought chaos to roads throughout southern England and Wales yesterday.

The Met Office issued a severe weather warning for today and said strong winds are likely to cause drifting in the snow in many places, particularly on high ground and hills. Milder weather has been forecast across the country for this afternoon.

In the Cairngorms, hopes were last night fading fast for Jacqueline Greaves, 53, a school secretary from Warrington, Cheshire, who was still missing in what were described as Arctic conditions, after becoming separated from two male companions on Sunday.

Roads and motorways throughout southern England were turned into virtual ice rinks because many local councils had not salted roads overnight. The Met Office said about an inch of snow fell in the hour after 8.15am. Much of it quickly turned to ice in the dry sub-zero temperatures.

The snow caused thousands of minor accidents across the country as commuters steered cars gingerly on treacherous surfaces. In Cambridgeshire a girl, 8, was killed when her mother lost control of her car. There were also a number of serious accidents in London and the Southeast. The AA and the RAC received thousands of calls from stranded motorists, mostfrom people who had not put any anti-freeze in their engines.The Met Office said it had warned councils through-

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Million get wrong tax codes

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

MORE than a million tax codings sent out in recent weeks contain errors, the head of the Inland Revenue admitted last night.

The mistakes by tax staff will result in more than £100 million of income tax being overpaid and almost as much being underpaid. Sir Anthony Battishill, chairman of the Inland Revenue, said that about 10 per cent of new tax codes were wrong and that the level of error was unacceptable. Many mistakes were caused by the complexities of the tax system, he said.

Although incorrect payments are usually rectified eventually, Sir Anthony told MPs that it was up to taxpayers to check their codings and notify tax offices of the errors. He conceded that staff training had not been adequate, but said that there were now improvements.

Sir Anthony was giving evidence to the Commons Public Accounts Committee, which was investigating a report which showed that up to £48 billion a year of "black economy" earnings are not taxed.

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TV handicap drives club into the rough

By Richard Duce

THE humiliation heaped upon the board of a golf club by a fly-on-the-wall television documentary, which exposed it to ridicule and criticism, drove the directors to resign yesterday.

The seven men at the Northwood Golf Club in Middlesex, including Bryan Lund, the chairman, have tendered their resignations pending an extraordinary meeting to question their decision to let in film-makers for Channel 4's *Cutting Edge* documentary *The Club*. The programme, which was praised by critics after its showing last week, exposed the club's antiquated management style.

The directors pinned notice of their resignations to the clubhouse board after a weekend revolt by many of the 300 male members who endorsed a no-confidence vote in the running of the 103-year-old club. The extraordinary general meeting will be held on March 18 to consider new appointments.

The focus of discontent was the treatment of Joe Brennan, a £535-a-year member, summoned before the board to explain "ungentlemanly conduct" in complaining about the running of club. He was threatened on camera with expulsion but the threat was denied by Mr Lund at an annual general meeting three months later.

Club members were more reticent about speaking yesterday. Mr Brennan, 52, a painting contractor, said: "I really can't comment on what has happened."

Preston Lockwood, 82, acknowledged by critics as the star of the programme, said he had advised the club against letting in the cameras.

"I think after all this we have to make a clean start and let's hope we can find some more intelligent people to put on the board. We've had enought of this 'hear hear, vote of thanks for the chairman' and all whizz off to the bar."

Mr Lund was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Shoppers hold back

HIGH STREET spending rose a little in January, but the increase was the lowest for a year, the latest Confederation of British Industry survey shows.

The figures, underlining the patchy nature of the recovery, will send a worrying signal to the Chancellor some months before the first large tax increases are due to take effect.

Figures yesterday also showed that industry's costs remain subdued, suggesting that manufacturers believe consumers will reject higher prices.....Page 25

Eight vie to run lottery

Companies vying for the lucrative licence to run Britain's first national lottery since 1826 have formally thrown their hats into the ring.

Eight groups, comprising leading British companies and foreign gaming experts, submitted lengthy bid documents by yesterday's deadline.....Pages 7, 19, 25, 27

Labour MP steps down

Tony Worthington resigned from Labour's front bench last night after having defied his party whips last week by going on a trip to Somalia where he was held hostage by tribal warlords.

Mr Worthington, MP for Clydebank and Milngavie, was abducted with Mark Robinson, Conservative MP for Somerton and Frome.

British convoy looted as aid effort resumes

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

A CROWD of desperate and hungry demonstrators yesterday stopped and looted the first British aid convoy carrying supplies to central Bosnia for five days.

The crowd ransacked four of the eight lorries in the first convoy to set out since all aid was halted indefinitely because of the threat of Serb attack. Baroness Chalker, the Minister of Overseas Development, told the House of Lords that no one had been injured, and the trucks had been allowed to continue on their way. "Such events, a daily occurrence almost, serve only to remind us of just how hazardous this all is," she said.



Chalker: aid convoys face daily hazards

The incident happened as John Major flew to Moscow for talks with President Yeltsin. They are expected to focus on differences between Russia and the Allies over the Nato ultimatum to the Serbs. There were also signs yesterday of differences of interpretation between Nato and United Nations commanders over how Serb heavy guns should be controlled.

The aid lorries, carrying 120 tonnes of wheatflour and beans, were travelling along Route Diamond, the tortuous route from the Adriatic coast over the mountains to central Bosnia, when they were stopped at Gornji Vakuf, a Muslim-held town on the front line with the Croat forces. British officials could not say whether the looting was by Muslim or Croats. The road does not pass through Serb-held territory.

A decision on whether to resume regular convoys depends on whether the looting is regarded as a normal hazard, or whether there are fears of greater violence against Western aid efforts. The main hazard yesterday was the weather; conditions were extremely severe, with driving snow and freezing temperatures.

All convoys carrying supplies for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were halted last week after the Nato decision threatening the Serbs with air strikes. Since then no convoys have travelled through Serb-held territory.

The quiet evacuation of dependants of the 11 British diplomats in Serbia has meanwhile been completed. It is not known how many of the 88 other British citizens registered as living in Serbia and Montenegro heeded the Foreign Office warning that they should leave if their presence was not essential.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Red flags fail to rouse anger in an ailing Labour bull

Sadly, it's sometimes only when people are unwell that we realise how fond of them we are. It is true of MPs, too.

This sketch often jokes at the expense of Labour's Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington), and his passion for finding plots and conspiracies under every stone. But when, yesterday, he entered the chamber leaning on a stick, and failed to rise to an exchange on the threat from Freemasonry, it was as if the Opposition was firing on only three cylinders.

To Dale, the very mention of Masons is a red rag to the bull. That he allowed a Tory minister to bumble blandly away, unbarracked, yesterday, leaving the response to Dennis Skinner, is a sign that the warrior is still far from well. His return to the fray cannot come too soon.

His health recovered, he would never have let the minister, David Davies, get away with the remark that "there are probably fewer Freemasons in this Government than members of Dennis Skinner's family on the payroll of Derbyshire County Council".

This slur ignores a key difference between being a Mason and being a Skinner. Nobody is a Skinner in secret. The idea that Skinners move around under deep cover, making themselves known to each other only by means of a cryptic handshake, struck MPs as inherently unlikely. Those of us who have met other Skinners accept — what London cannot believe — that in the Skinner family, Dennis is the sensitive one.

The shy flower having roared out his contribution, the House moved on. This was when it became clear that Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) wanted to speak.

Dame Elaine, who will be 70 this year, God willing, began rotating one hand in the exaggerated winding motion used to urge others to wind up their conversations. This she alternated with a violent scribbling of notes. We guessed she hoped to contribute to Question 35: a critical question from Labour's Gordon Prentice, about the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster. Dame Elaine is a great supporter of the council's work.

But we were only on Question 30, and Questions would end at 3.30. When her colleague Roger Knapman (C, Stroud) began to speak on his Question 32, she pulled a face as though a lemon had just burst in her mouth. When earnest young David Martin (C, Portsmouth S) rose, she began bouncing up and down on her bench, as though coaxing a car up a hill.

When Ian Bruce (C, Dorset S) tried to speak, the Dame gave a loud sigh, smashing down two clenched fists on to her seat. Madam Speaker moved us on to Question 34, calling Labour's John Garrett. The Dame sat bolt upright, grimacing. As he spoke, she began to bounce again, swaying towards Betty Boothroyd with an imploring expression. It was 3.29.

In the nick of time Miss Boothroyd called Prentice. The Dame shot up like a rocket, crashing back down as a signal to the Chair, her whole body writhing in expectation, her scowl daring Prentice to go on beyond 3.30. He didn't. She leapt into the air. "Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman," called Miss Boothroyd, resignedly.

To an advance billing like this, no question could quite live up. Dame Elaine's point — that as leader of Hammersmith Council Mr Prentice had cost the ratepayers millions — was spirited enough. But what we shall never forget was her expression on resuming her seat: sheer pleasure spread across her craggy features. It was like a burst of evening sunshine on a desert mountain.

DAVID GILES



A chastened Hartley Booth, with his wife Adrianne: "I have learnt a lesson other MPs should take note of"

Learn from my mistake, Booth tells fellow Tories

BY ANDREW PIERCE

■ Hartley Booth has offered the benefit of his hard-won experience to fellow MPs who might be drawn to pretty young women

THE married MP at the centre of the latest scandal to hit the Conservative party warned politicians last night to beware of the dangers of pretty women.

Hartley Booth, who resigned as a parliamentary aide after the disclosure of his "kiss and cuddle" affair with Emily Barr, a former Commons researcher, issued the advice when he returned home with his wife, Adrianne, for the first time since the story broke.

The father-of-three, when asked what he would say to MPs who attract the attention of pretty women, replied: "Be careful." The MP, who was speaking at his £350,000 Elizabethan manor house at Barnham Broom near Norwich, elaborated 10 minutes later. "I already regret making that comment," he said. "My advice should have been that it's worse than that. Just don't do it. I have learnt a lesson that other MPs should take note of."

Miss Barr, 22, a history of art student at the Courtauld Institute, had gone into hiding last night leaving questions about her relationship with the 47-year-old Methodist lay preacher unanswered.

Mr Booth, who succeeded Margaret Thatcher as MP for Finchley, was parliamentary private secretary to Douglas Hogg, whose wife, Sarah, the head of the Downing Street policy unit, was one of the architects of the discredited back-to-basics campaign.

Despite the cooling of the relationship towards the end of last year, Mr Booth was a regular visitor to Miss Barr's flat. In December he turned up with an expensive rug, which was her Christmas present. Mr Booth has dismissed any suggestion of sexual impropriety.

Miss Barr, who worked for Mr Booth for four months, was approached by journalists from the *Sunday Mirror* in the first few days of January, but she refused to answer their questions. It was only during the past week, when the *Mirror* presented its evidence to her, that she did not deny their allegations. The newspaper went on to publish details of love poems that the MP had written to her.

She did not alert Booth to the *Sunday Mirror*'s enquiries. The first he knew was when he was approached by the newspaper at a constituency surgery at the end of last week. According to her friends, Miss Barr was paid by the newspaper, although it was not a large sum.

Before the story broke she had to inform her parents, who divorced when she was a child, that the relationship was about to be exposed in the press. Her father Charles is a lecturer in English and American studies at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. Her mother, Bridget Guzek, is a part-time music teacher at a boarding school in Bristol.

"They were devastated," said a woman friend who answered the telephone at Miss Barr's rented flat in Victoria, central London. "They have taken it very badly. Emily is telephoning them and here every day."

Tory party officials were aghast that Mr Booth had not vetted Miss Barr properly. When she met him she was earning £5 an hour as a nude model for artists and regularly attended meetings of the Socialist Workers' party.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cannabis fine raised against police advice

Michael Howard will go ahead with plans to increase fivefold the maximum fine for possession of cannabis, although he admitted yesterday it was a "minor offence" that could be dealt with initially by a caution. Despite criticism from police and magistrates that the consequences had not been thought through, the Home Secretary said he had decided to increase the maximum fine to £2,500. "It will in many cases be appropriate to issue cautions for first offences whether it is drug misuse or other minor offences," he told BBC Radio 4's *World at One*.

Mr Howard denied the plan would send mixed messages to drug users. He said the circumstances in which the maximum fine would be used included cases where it was difficult to prove that people found with large amount of cannabis or amphetamines were supplying others.

Reynolds still patient

Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, said yesterday he was prepared to give Sinn Fein more time to give a definitive response to December's Downing Street declaration. In a marked change of tone, he denied he was losing patience with the party's refusal to give an answer. "It would be unreal to expect this [conflict] to be solved fully in a matter of weeks," Mr Reynolds said. "It won't stretch my patience if I have to wait a little longer but I hope we will get a positive result." He said it was unhelpful to set deadlines, but warned he could not wait forever.

Parade drummed out

The traditional passing-out parade by police recruits is to be abandoned as part of an overhaul of training. The hours that trainees spend on foot drill and military-style discipline will be reduced to make their two-year course more relevant to modern society. More time will be given to training in law, race relations, political issues and criminal investigations. The end of passing-out parades is likely to mean little further need for police bands. The name of the Police Staff College at Bramshill, Hampshire, may be changed to removed the military overtones of the word staff.

Busby man cautioned

An undertaker's assistant who took photographs of Sir Matt Busby in his coffin and allegedly took two identity tags and a lock of hair from his body has been cautioned by police. Tom Gibbons, 41, yesterday answered police bail and officers decided to issue a caution and take no further action after consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service and Sir Matt's family. Police said the matter was now closed. Mr Gibbons has been in hiding since an outcry over his offer to sell the pictures of the late president of Manchester United to a national newspaper.

Rural awards launched

A competition to create more jobs and improve transport, housing, training and leisure facilities in rural areas was launched yesterday by Robert Atkins, the minister for the countryside. Under the initiative, named Rural Challenge, six prizes worth £1 million each will be awarded annually for novel and imaginative projects to promote the social and economic development of poorer parts of the countryside. In the first year, prizes will go to schemes to promote use of renewable energy, combat rural crime and regenerate areas left derelict by dependence on one industry.

Spielberg nominated



Steven Spielberg's hit film *Schindler's List* has been nominated for 13 Bafta awards. They include best film; Spielberg, left, as best director; Liam Neeson as best actor; and Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley as best supporting actors. The awards will be presented in April. *The Remains Of The Day*, *Shadowlands* and *The Piano* were also nominated for best film.

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Hunt appeal in doubt

A council that had its ban on staghunting overturned by the High Court last week is expected to scrap plans for an appeal. Somerset County Council, ruled by the Liberal Democrats, was told it had been wrong to ban the Quantock hunt. Tories have attacked plans for an appeal as a waste of money. The matter will be discussed tomorrow.

Baby's liver transplant

A four-month-old baby was recovering in hospital yesterday after a liver transplant. Joe Crigg underwent an emergency operation at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Sunday night. An ambulance crew escorted by police transported the liver from Bolton Royal Infirmary for the operation on Joe, who had just hours to live.

Police officer stabbed

A police officer was stabbed last night when he was called by neighbours to a dispute between a married couple. The officer, who has not yet been named, was confronted by a man with a knife at the flat in Erith, Kent. He managed to radio for help and was taken to hospital; his injuries are not thought to be life threatening. A man is being questioned.

Palace paraglider jailed

An American paraglider who landed half-naked on the roof of Buckingham Palace was jailed yesterday for seven days and recommended for deportation. James Miller, 30, of Nevada, was convicted at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, of flying a machine without a certificate of air-worthiness, without displaying its registration, and flying too close to people and buildings. He was fined £200 on each charge, with the alternative of seven days' jail. Three other charges against him were dropped. Miller will remain in custody until a decision is made on his deportation.

Major sticks by back to basics

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN Major yesterday vigorously defended his back-to-basics campaign, insisting that it met the concerns of ordinary people and denying that it amounted to a "witch-hunt" of ministers and MPs.

Most MPs judged that Hartley Booth had been right to spare the Government further embarrassment by stepping down as an unpaid parliamentary aide immediately his relationship with his former Commons researcher became public. Mr Booth said last night he would not be resigning as MP for Finchley.

But as the Prime Minister instructed Downing Street officials to go on the offensive over back to basics, many MPs were privately dismayed that he was raising its profile.

One senior backbencher said he felt his colleagues were living on a "knife edge" and he suspected that some ministers would make a quiet exit in the next reshuffle.

Another MP said that the slogan, with its obvious moral overtones, was in danger of undermining everything the Government did: "It would be unwise to damage our good policies with a bad slogan."

But Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, a vice-chairman of the 1922 committee, said the public wanted to "get back to some of the basics in schools". Mr Major had made clear that the campaign was not about personal morality and the media were distorting his message to undermine him.

Downing Street officials insisted that Mr Major would stand by back to basics and made a further attempt at clarification: "Back to basics describes a set of hard-edged policies aimed at meeting the concerns of ordinary people in today's world.

"It is a theme that pulls together government action across a range of policies. That is why its focus is on the major issues of the moment — education, law and order, providing the right framework for economic success and prosperity.

"It looks to the future but draws on the strength of the past and the essential values we all care about . . .

"High standards in government are part of this. Back to basics has a moral dimension, but it is not a matter of personal sexual morality. We are not in the business of witch-hunts.

"We are in the business of eliminating the mugger, slovenly educational standards, poor service from public bodies, benefit fraud, bad housing and so on. There is no question of giving up those policies."

Luggage container 'can withstand bomb'

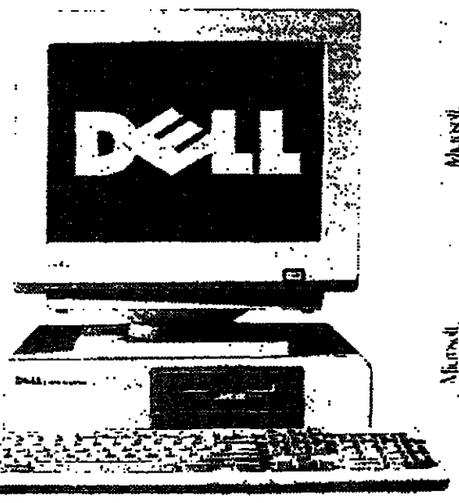
BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN aircraft baggage container capable of absorbing shock waves from bombs such the one which destroyed the Pan Am jet over Lockerbie has been developed in Britain.

The holder, made of a highly classified secret material, was designed by scientists at Royal Ordnance, a subsidiary of British Aerospace, and went on public display at Heathrow airport yesterday. BAe will not manufacture the complete units, which could have a worldwide market of 300,000 containers, but will sell licences. Development work on the container began immediately after the Lockerbie disaster in 1988, in which a bomb was placed with luggage in the hold.

Royal Ordnance engineers said the new design would not protect an aircraft against much larger bombs. "You cannot protect anything against a really determined terrorist, nor could this container stop a much larger device destroying an aircraft," said one. "But airport security authorities should be able to detect bigger bombs than that used over Lockerbie."

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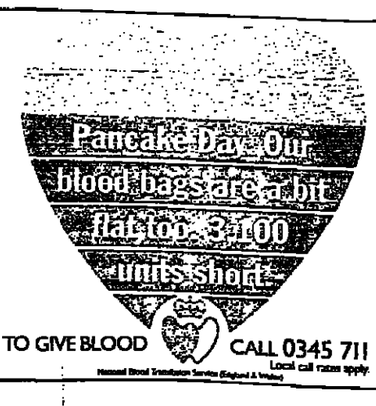
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QCs condemn new civil court fees as barrier to justice

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who bring civil claims are to be made to pay for the full costs of running the courts, including the judges' salaries, under government plans to make civil courts self-financing within two years.

The move towards making litigants rather than taxpayers in general foot the bill for civil justice has already prompted a furious row in Scotland, where litigants in civil actions face massive rises of up to 1,000 per cent in court fees.

It also coincides with a Government pledge to increase judges' salaries by an extra 20 per cent by 1999. With annual pay rises, the full pay rise for judges in England and Wales could total 30 per cent over the period 1992-99.

The new principle of making the civil courts pay for themselves, including the cost of the judges, came into force last month in Scotland. Fee rises there average 12 per cent but some have been many times higher.

Both the Law Society of Scotland and the Faculty of Advocates are strongly opposed and are calling for a full parliamentary debate. Andrew Hardie QC, dean of the Faculty of Advocates, has written to James Douglas Hamilton QC, the Scottish Office parliamentary under-secretary, saying the proposals are "an unnecessary barrier to justice for those members of the public who are not on legal aid".

He wrote: "Any civilised society has an obligation to have in place a system of justice which is readily available to all of its citizens who require its services."

In Scotland the rises, which came into effect on January 1, went through "on the nod" by a negative resolution order approved last week by the Commons select committee of statutory instruments.

In England and Wales, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, indicated in a little-noticed statement before Christmas that he planned to move to "full costs recovery" of the civl courts services by 1996-97.

A spokesman at the Lord Chancellor's Department said yesterday that 75 per cent of civil court costs were being recovered from court fees so the further increases would be gradual. "There will be no sudden increase."

He emphasised that the plans did not put access to justice under threat. Full reductions of fees were available in cases of hardship and litigants on low incomes, including all those on income suppport, could claim exemption.

The Prime Minister recently accepted the recommendation of the pay review body on judges' salaries that they should effectively receive the 20 per cent the review body recommended for them in 1992, when they were in fact awarded 9.8 per cent. This 20 per cent will be phased in by 1999, together with the normal annual increases over that time.

The salary rises are being made because of concern over the numbers of QCs turning down judicial appointment. Evidence to the pay review body led it to conclude that "in many areas the recruitment of the candidates best qualified for judicial office is proving increasingly difficult, largely for financial reasons".

It viewed "with grave concern" a trend for candidates to seek to have their appointments deferred and warned that in the near future there was a danger of the "quality of judicial appointments being affected".

The Lord Chancellor's Department maintains there is no shortage of quality candidates. However, the review body cited figures showing that at circuit judge level in 1992, 51 out of 83 judges turned down job offers and between April and June 1993, 21 out of 34. At High Court level, eight QCs have turned down judgeships since April 1992, while 27 accepted.

☐ Family and supporters of the men jailed for the murder of newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater yesterday delivered a Valentine's Day card to Home Secretary Michael Howard urging him to "have a heart" and refer the case to appeal.

Pressure has been mounting on Mr Howard after a series of disclosures, including internal police documents and interviews with one of the men, Pat Molloy, who died in prison in 1981.

Ethnic guidance

Judges are told how to be more sensitive in the way they address witnesses and defendants from the ethnic minorities in new guidance published yesterday. The paper, from the Judicial Studies Board's ethnic minorities advisory committee, warns judges against making assumptions: "For example many members of minority ethnic communities are not Christians, yet from time to time judges and counsel do refer to people's first names as Christian names without really thinking."

Woman awarded £22,500 for keyhole surgery error

BY KATE ALDERSON

A WOMAN who had to undergo two emergency operations after routine keyhole surgery in a private hospital went wrong has received £22,500 in damages. It is thought to be the first award of its kind and was made after her surgeon admitted liability.

Angela Levy, from Bury, Greater Manchester, may need a liver transplant as a result of the surgery and her case remains open should she have to claim damages for further reparative treatment.

Mrs Levy, 36, was told her life expectancy had been reduced by 5 to 10 per cent after a surgeon at Ami Alexandra Hospital, Cheadle, operated to remove her gall bladder. The surgeon accidentally cut her bile duct, which leaked and caused jaundice.

A second operation by the surgeon failed to correct the damage and another doctor had to perform a third operation. Mrs Levy received an out-of-court settlement last week from the Medical Defence Union, which insures doctors who work privately.

Leading medical injury solicitors warned yesterday that many similar cases were pending. Concern is growing about keyhole surgery and last week the Scottish Office warned that patients had died or suffered injury because new techniques were being introduced faster than surgeons could be trained.

Mrs Levy underwent the operations in 1991. "I thought I was going to die," she said yesterday. "I had the first operation to remove my gall bladder which was meant to be routine, but I was almost immediately sick and turned yellow."

Despite reporting it to her doctor, Mrs Levy was not diagnosed as having jaundice until six days later and was admitted to the same hospital for a second operation by the same surgeon.

Five months after that operation Mrs Levy turned yellow again. She refused to be referred back to the surgeon and was consulted privately at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

"I spent hours having tests and X-rays. It was hell," she said. "Even second time around the surgeon had not managed to repair the damage. I now have two seven-inch scars on my stomach, have been told my liver may have been so damaged, I may need a transplant and suffer from hernias and ulcers."

Mrs Levy, a hairdresser who is married with two young daughters, said she felt great bitterness towards the consultant.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "The surgeon is one of 500 who have admitting rights to our hospital. No surgeon is allowed to perform keyhole surgery here unless they have had the appropriate training and are accredited."



Mrs Levy with daughters Martine, left, and Natalie

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"I am freezing to death," royal admirer is told



NEIL MUNNS

In hot pink in the cold: the Princess at the Hospital for Sick Children yesterday

Princess slips back into old routine

BY JOE JOSEPH

OFFERED their first chance in two months to snap the Princess of Wales without being accused of being pushy, Diana-starved press photographers turned out yesterday to watch her twitch back the curtain of her public purdah.

She slid aross the icy streets of central London to keep a long-standing date to open a clinical wing at the Hospital for Sick Children, in Great Ormond Street. It was her first and only listed official engagement of the year.

The waiting crowd was thinned to barely 200 by the Arctic wind that shivered past the hospital's entrance and by the delay in the Princess's arrival due to traffic congestion. But when she eventually emerged from her Daimler, 20 minutes behind schedule, her ears rang to the usual whoops from spectators. "Ooh bless her," sighed one lady, "bless her"; while the photographers' chorus of "This way, Ma'am", ceased only when an official blocked out the Princess and someone yelled, "Oh do get out of the way! Sir!"

Dressed in hot pink and pearls, the Princess, who is president of the hospital, showed none of the tension that marked her retreat from public life in December. Before entering the £84 million Variety Club Building, built largely with donations to the hospital's Wishing Well appeal, the Princess rewarded her patient fans with a brief chat. She was particularly brief with Colin Edwards, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, a legendary and loquacious admirer. "The light has gone out in my life," Mr Edwards gushed, handing her a Valentine card. "I have been waiting to see you for the past two months."

"Colin," said the Princess, with a familiarity developed over her 51 unplanned rendezvous with Mr Edwards, "I am freezing to death. If this was the Mediterranean, I could talk to you all day, but it isn't."

Children in the Giraffe Ward were more indulged. The Princess squatted to talk to those in wheelchairs, lightly touching others on the arm or head.

Sir Anthony Tippet, the hospital's general manager, said: "Every time she comes here she uplifts the hospital — she is a very good friend of ours."

Outside, Gordon and Dorothy Douglas were still stamping their feet on the pavement, hoping for a second glimpse as the Princess reemerged. The retired couple, who had travelled from Crewe to see Diana for the thirtieth time, said they keep a room of Diana memorabilia, "full of pictures, videos, and china".

Mr Douglas, 64, said: "I asked her if she would open our memorabilia room. Diana said, 'Yes, I would love to,' but I think she was only joking."

Britain's oldest workers toast future

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TWO workers believed to be Britain's oldest, a motorcycle restorer aged 94 and a shop assistant aged 92, were invited to a champagne reception yesterday to dissuade employers from practising ageism.

Some of the guests aged 80 and more invited by the Employment Department still do a five or six-day week and some walk or cycle to work. Ministers believe that many employers are ignoring the experience and commitment of older workers by setting an age limit in the forties or fifties when advertising jobs.

The oldest person known to be working is a 98-year-old journalist, but he was disallowed as he was self-employed and part-time. So the oldest were Len Vale-Onslow and Hilda Ford. Mr Onslow works a six-day week in his Birmingham motorcycle repair shop and hopes to continue until he is 100. He said: "I want to ride down to Buckingham Palace with a police escort on my 100th birthday." When he was presented with a bottle of House of Commons champagne, he told the junior employment minister Ann Widdecombe: "I don't drink the stuff — you can have it."

Mrs Ford, from Todmorden, West Yorkshire, said that working in a motor accessory shop kept her young: "I love meeting people, I enjoy the challenge of work and it keeps me very active."

State pensions are paid when men reach 65 and women 60, although the retirement age is shortly to be equalised at 65. But there is no legal requirement for people to give up work at any age. Pensions are payable, though taxed, even if people continue to work.

Miss Widdecombe said she was astonished at the number and ages of people still happily working decades after many had retired. "Looking at those here still giving satisfaction to their employers in their eighties and nineties, it seems almost unbelievable that we cannot persuade employers to take on people 40 years younger. I would not be surprised if there were a centenarian worker out there, still to be found."

The Government's attempt to raise the profile of older workers led to embarrassment when Leslie Mills, 81, a floor and wall tiler from Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, said that he had carried on working because he could not afford to live on his pension. "With all the bills for heating and lighting to pay, I just could not afford to stop work. I tried telling the minister today about the poor level of pensions but she just wasn't interested."

Other elderly workers included Thomas Elliott, 86, from Northampton, a handyman with the same building firm for 24 years who still does a 40-hour week, and Gwendoline Tew, 86, a sub-postmistress in South Glamorgan, who in two weeks' time will have completed 52 years' service.

On-off warnings over snowfall confuse councils

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out Sunday that a covering of snow was likely to have taken place in many areas by yesterday morning, but also admitted that this advice had been moderated late on Sunday because there had been little sign of the expected snow.

John Wallen, assistant divisional director of cleansing for Westminster City Council, said some gritting on main routes was carried out on Sunday evening, but Met Office advice suggested only light flurries of snow were likely yesterday morning.

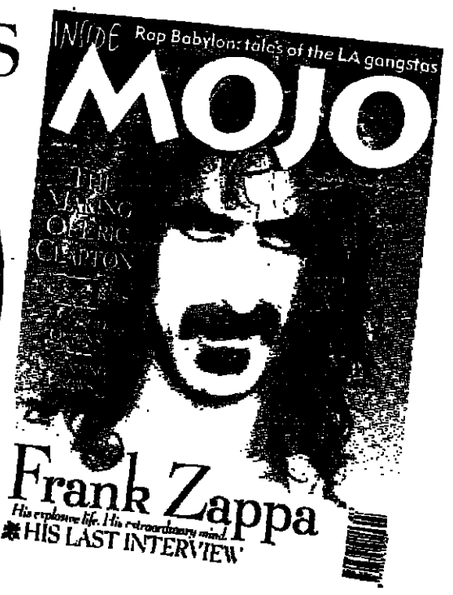
"It's difficult," he said. "The Met Office have state of the art equipment. If they are unable to predict the weather using that equipment, it's awkward for us. If they genuinely didn't know, I don't see how they could have warned us."

British Rail meanwhile, never one to miss out on winter weather problems, found yet another variation on the theme. In the past, leaves on the tracks and the "wrong kind of snow" have been the cause delays, but yesterday the company had another cause — icicles in a tunnel. BR said services on the London to Norwich line were halted for more than two hours because icicles had formed in a tunnel just south of Ipswich and were threatening to short-out the 25,000 volt overhead power lines.

Farmers said the cold weather could be a serious threat to spring lambing. Not everyone was inconvenienced by the cold snap, however. At London Zoo the three Asian elephants Dilberta, Layang-Layang and Mya were positively loving it. A spokeswoman said the elephants, all of them female, were out in their paddock throwing lumps of snow at each other.

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Number 190 on Schindler's list relives the horror


DES JENSON

Moshe Frei: "Oskar Schindler deserves this film"

■ One of the Holocaust victims saved by Oskar Schindler describes his experience at an emotional preview of Spielberg's film

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the few British survivors of the Nazi factory camp which inspired the film *Schindler's List* yesterday described the horrors he went through in the Holocaust.

Moshe Frei, 69, appears with other survivors for a few seconds in a scene at the end of Steven Spielberg's film, which has its European charity premiere at Leicester Square in London today.

Mr Frei, a businessman, was carrying a copy of the list of more than 1,000 concentration camp victims brought to work in Oskar Schindler's munitions factory in Poland when he spoke reluctantly about his experiences. He appears as number 190 on Schindler's list.

More than six million Jews, including nearly all of Mr Frei's family, lost their lives in the Holocaust.

Mr Frei, speaking at the newly opened Holocaust Survivors Centre in north London, was rescued by Schindler from the Plaszow labour camp in Poland, where Jews were treated with appalling brutality by the sadistic commandant, Amon Goeth.

He said: "I was in this terrible, terrible camp, Plaszow. One day when we went to work they put a group of us on a lorry and took us away. Nobody knew where we were going. Half an hour later we came to Schindler's, which I didn't know about at all."

He described a typical scene at the camp. "One day he [Goeth] lined up ten people to shoot but ran out of bullets after the ninth murder. So he beat the tenth person up. However, that particular victim survived and now lives in Israel."

Mr Frei said watching the film at a special preview was "very emotional" and people walked out without saying a word. "After 50 years it is a good reminder. It reminds me of the horror. I am pleased I was there to see the film, because I know of a million people who will never be able to. As I watched the film, I saw them all again."

Mr Frei, thought to be one of four people on Schindler's list living in Britain, said he was unable to resolve the mystery of Schindler's motives or explain how he found the courage to stand up to the SS. "Oscar Schindler was a very, very nice man. He saved us. We did not care about his reasons as long as he was nice to us. I think he deserves this film."

Testifying to Schindler's ability to protect the Jews, he said: "If we saw Goeth walking with Schindler, we knew that he wouldn't shoot us then. Schindler wouldn't allow the guards to be violent.

"At the time, I wasn't aware of what he was doing. I was a young man. We didn't know that he was bribing the Nazis. We didn't realise, when we were taken to Emalia [Schindler's factory], that we would be safe there."

Mr Frei has spoken rarely about his experiences. "You have to get on with your life. You do remember, all the time, but life does go on."

He described his final liberation by the advancing Russian army on May 8, 1945, a date he counts as his birthday. The joy at his release was indescribable. Schindler had already left to make contact with the Americans. "Before going he gave everyone material for a suit and a coat. Mine were stolen by the Russians when I fell asleep on the way home."

Many months later Mr Frei, born in Korczyna in Poland, found two uncles in Switzerland, and through them his older brother in England, where he settled. In 1951 he married Ruth, who arrived in 1939 as a refugee from Germany.

Mrs Frei spoke of her husband's reluctance to discuss his experience. "Moshe never said a word about what happened. But I said to him 'You are here, they are not. For those who did not make it you have just got to speak'.

"His whole family — mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers — had been taken away, disappeared from the face of the earth. How do you describe that? You have to push it to the back of your mind and carry on with life."

She said the film would help bring an end to revisionist attempts to portray the Holocaust as fiction. "Spielberg has made a good film and this is the truth."

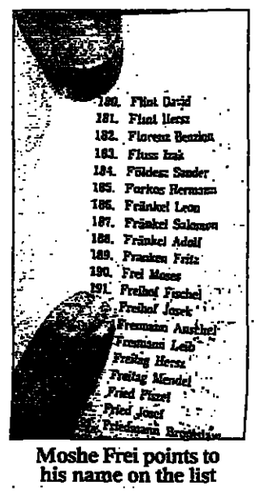
About 1,000 Holocaust survivors are thought to be living in Britain. Judith Hassan, who set up and runs the centre and has 15 years experience in counselling survivors, said the whole Jewish community would be affected by Spielberg's film.

She said: "We want survivors to come forward. We want them to know there is a home here."

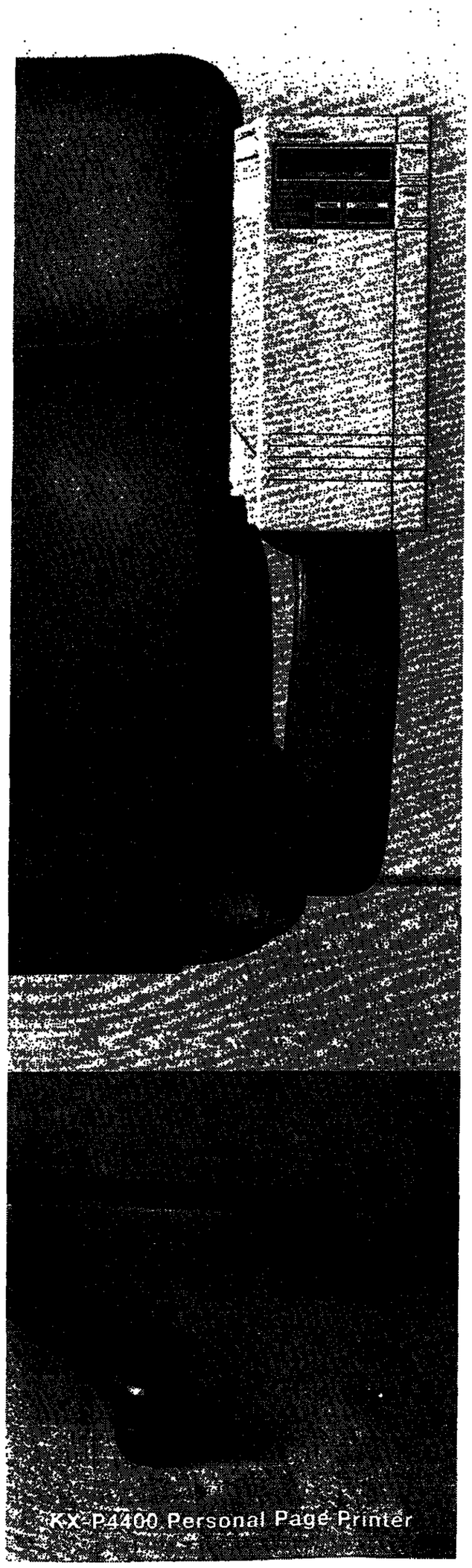
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Oskar Schindler and employees outside his factory, where about 1,000 Jews found refuge from the Nazis



Moshe Frei points to his name on the list



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Off-duty sergeant 'stabbed revellers'

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN off-duty police sergeant stabbed three youths after investigating a commotion outside his home late at night, Maidstone Crown Court was told yesterday.

Richard Harris, 56, was a few months short of 30 years' service and had applied to carry on working. After being suspended from duty at Sevenoaks, Kent, he has now retired.

Yesterday Mr Harris, of Southborough, Kent, pleaded not guilty to three counts of wounding Andrew Purves, 20, Ian Lloyd, 20, and Adrian Funnel with intent to cause grievous bodily harm on New Year's Day last year.

The court was told Harris had been making a sandwich in the kitchen of his home when he heard a commotion in the driveway. Sally O'Neill, for the prosecution, said that the three men had been drinking and were on their way home in high spirits when they entered Mr Harris's driveway and kicked his garage door. They did not cause any damage.

The three continued walking until Mr Lloyd felt someone hug him, and then felt a tingling sensation in his back, the court was told. He turned round and saw Mr Harris go up to Mr Purves and lunge at him.

Mr Funnel grabbed Mr Harris by the collar but he then felt the knife against his ribs. Mr Lloyd needed hospital treatment for a stab wound to his back. The deepest wound was six centimetres, to Mr Funnel's hip.

Mr Harris later told police that the three men had threatened to kill him and had been abusive.

Yesterday in court Mr Purves said: "I heard this bloke behind me. I turned round and he punched me, but it didn't feel like an ordinary punch.' It wasn't until later I realised I had been stabbed." Mr Purves said he had two wounds. The trial continues.

Sitter 'broke baby's leg changing his nappy'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN registered as a childminder, who was caring for her neighbours' 21-month-old son, broke the boy's leg while changing his nappy, Luton Crown Court was told yesterday. The boy, the son of two police officers, was in traction for five weeks.

Michelle Carter, 30, of Luton, has pleaded not guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm on Thomas Flint last February.

Philip Rueff, for the prosecution, said: "We suggest that on a single isolated occasion she lost control and applied excessive force, possibly because he was being uncooperative having his nappy changed, and possibly because she was suffering stress and tension. We are not saying she intended to break his leg or that there had been ill treatment over a prolonged period."

David Flint said the child-care arrangement for Thomas had worked well for about 16 months, but in February last year he and his wife gave Mrs Carter a month's notice.

During the period of notice he left Thomas with her for one morning and later he saw her carrying his son. "He was in a lot of distress, and holding his thigh. I went to look at it and could hear his leg making a creaking noise."

The trial continues.

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Teachers' pay rise will mean bigger classes, says Labour

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent

The Opposition fears a rising school-age population and a budget squeeze could trigger an exodus to the private sector

CLASS sizes will rise dramatically as state schools struggle to pay for an inflation-breaking pay settlement for teachers while coping with extra pupils, Labour claimed yesterday.

Stephen Byers, MP for Wallsend, said that the combination of a rising school-age population and a budget squeeze would make classrooms increasingly crowded, possibly triggering an exodus to the private sector.

Mr Byers said that almost 7,000 teaching jobs were threatened by the Government's decision that schools should find efficiency savings to help to fund the profession's 2.9 per cent pay increase in April.

One teaching union, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, told members last week that job losses were inevitable. It complained that schools had little scope to make savings without redundancies because 70 per cent of spending is on teachers' pay.

The issue of class size is moving steadily up the political agenda. Last week a survey of parents with children entering independent schools found growing dissatisfaction with the state system. Smaller classes were a key reason for going private.

Ministers claimed credit for cutting class sizes during the late 1980s, even though much of the decline was due to a fall in pupil numbers. Demographic changes are now working against the Government. A recent study by Whitehall and local authorities estimated that at least 6,700 new teachers would be needed from September to hold the pupil-teacher ratio at its present level, already the highest for a decade.

The report said that the number of nursery and primary children would rise by 59,000, and secondary pupils by 64,000. Statistics obtained by Mr Byers through parliamentary questions show that state primary classes are more crowded than when the Conservatives took office in 1979. The average primary class size in January 1993 was 26.6, up from 25.9 in 1979, with a quarter of pupils in classes of more than 30.

Mr Byers said: "Ministers should try telling parents that greater efficiency means teaching children in a class of 35 rather than 30. Most parents recognise this is actually a reduction in the quality of state education." He said that the main selling point of private schools was smaller classes and individual attention. These educational benefits were persuading parents to pay up to £12,000 a year.

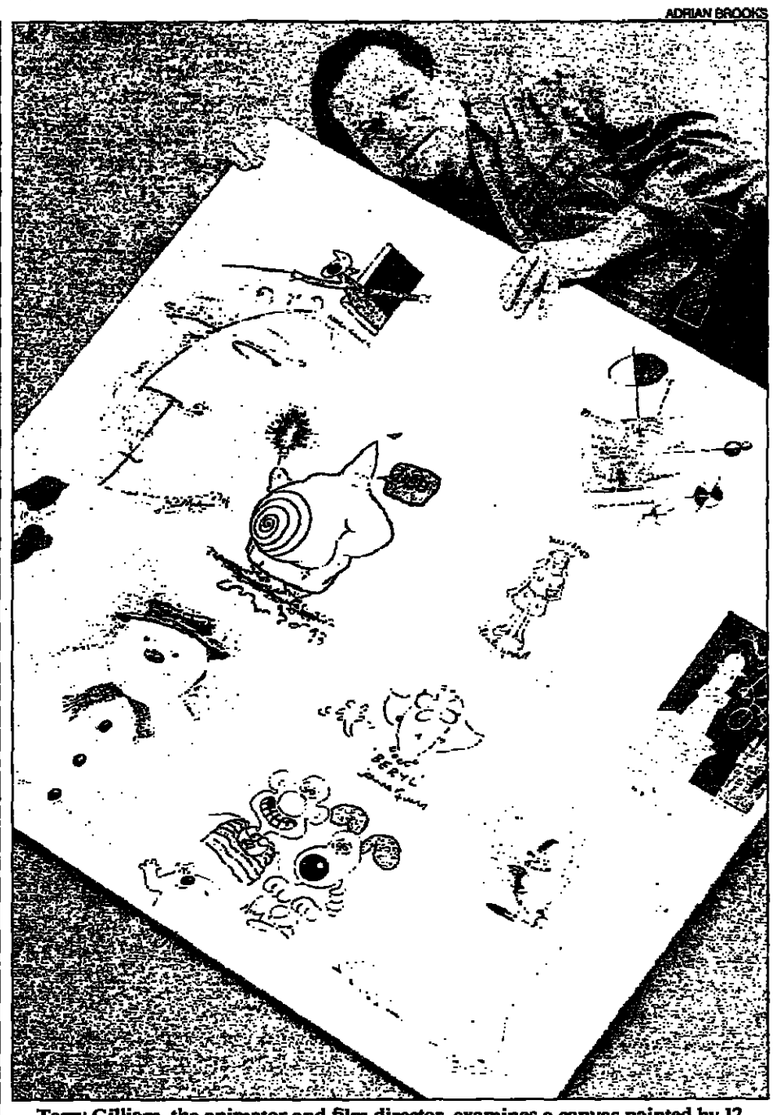
The education department said evidence from Her Majesty's Inspectorate showed that it was the quality of teaching that counted, not the number of children in a class. "It is for the employers to find efficiency savings. These do not have to involve redundancies but can include other measures such as removing surplus places. Every year unsubstantiated claims of future redundancies fail to materialise."

☐ A disabled ten-year-old girl yesterday appealed to John Major to help her to attend the secondary school of her choice. Bernice Fowler from Swinton, South Yorkshire, protested to the Prime Minister after local authority officials recommended that she went to a school requiring a 16-mile round-trip by taxi each day.

Bernice, who was born with deformed legs and no hands, wants to move with her friends to a comprehensive school two miles from her home. Her family has offered to raise £15,000 to help pay for special help.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Terry Gilliam, the animator and film director, examines a canvas painted by 12 leading British animators, including Raymond Briggs and Russell Hall, which is to be auctioned by Christie's for the Aids charity Crusaid

Vicar 'gave picture of archbishop for sex acts'

A VICAR gave a teenage boy who wanted to join the Church a signed photograph of the Archbishop of Canterbury in return for sexual favours, a court was told yesterday.

The Rev Richard Gazzard, 53, also molested a choirboy by bribing him with cigarettes and cash, Maidstone Crown Court was told.

When police raided the vicarage in Ashford, Kent, 40 or 50 photographs of the choirboy posing naked were found, the jury was told. The 14-year-old met the vicar, a married father of three, when he joined the choir at Christ Church in Ashford, Kent.

The jury was told that Mr Gazzard committed indecent assaults on the first youth, now 24, in his late teens, after offering to help him get a career in the church.Andrew Munday, for the prosecution, said: "At one stage Mr Gazzard called him into the study and reached out and groped him."

Giving evidence, the elder boy said: "We would meet about once a week. We would always have mutual sex acts. This happened for about four or five years."

The abuse by the vicar ended after the younger boy refused to take part in a sex act and went to police after Christmas 1992, the court was told. Mr Gazzard was suspended by the Church after his arrest pending the outcome of his trial. He denies three charges of indecent assault and one of buggery.

The case continues.

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Lock up offenders, police chief tells safari meeting

By a Staff Reporter

SOCIAL service bosses who sent a teenage offender on an African safari were told by a police chief yesterday that persistent young offenders should be locked up.

The conference of members from Gloucestershire's social services committee, which pays the youth's £1,800-a-week fees at the Bryn Melyn centre in North Wales, was called to discuss future treatment of young offenders. Social workers, probation officers, magistrates and councillors also attended.

Robert Turnbull, assistant chief constable of Gloucestershire, said he had asked the Government to speed up plans to build secure homes for teenage criminals.

Mr Turnbull spoke about the problems caused in one small area by 30 teenage tearaways. He told of three boys, two aged 13 and one 17, who had been before the courts, but were again on bail for further offences.

One 13-year-old was arrested 11 times on 20 charges in a four-month period, he said. The charges included theft from cars and shops, burglary and assault.

The 17-year-old was arrested 13 times and charged with 14 offences ranging from drink-driving and other motoring offences to burglary and dishonestly handling stolen goods.

When he appeared in court he was fined and his driving licence endorsed. In December he was placed on probation for nine months, but is waiting to appear in court on further charges.

The third boy, in the care of Gloucestershire County Council, had been arrested on charges including burglary, arson, theft of cars and threats of violence and assault. He was placed on a 12-month probation order in November, but has since been arrested and charged with further offences.

"The provision of secure centres for these young offenders needs urgent addressing," he said. "There is further provision to extend the maximum time a young offender can spend in a young offenders' institution. I welcome this. It may make the punishment more appropriate to the crime."

Roger Bullock, a juvenile crime expert at Dartington Social Research Unit, condemned the detention of children in secure units.

"There is no evidence the punitive system has much effect," he said. "The world is a nasty place and the more you make it a nasty place for these people the more you depress them, the more you compound the situation for this tragic and marginal group."

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Jurassic parts land star role at auction

By John Vincent

A PTERODACTYL skeleton so beautifully preserved that every bone in its body is still visible after 100 million years will be the star attraction at a London auction in April.

The flying reptile lived in Germany during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods (215 million to 65 million years ago) and is being sold by a German collector. It is expected to sell for up to £30,000.

Philip Keith, head of the natural history department at Bonhams, said yesterday: "It is a remarkable example. You can see practically every rib, every finger, every tooth."

The pterodactyl, measuring 17½in by 14in and laid flat on a matrix of stone, is one of many rare lots at the sale on April 8. Also featured is an example of the largest egg ever laid, by a flightless great elephant bird (*aepyornis*), which grew to about 10ft and became extinct in Madagascar 38 million years ago. Measuring more than 12in long, it is big enough to hold 180 chicken eggs.

The rare complete skeleton of a 9ft Austrian cave bear (*ursus speleus*), which became extinct 15,000 years ago, is expected to fetch up to £15,000.

The cave bear and several other lots are being offered by Dr Lonnie Paulos, a collector from Salt Lake City, Utah. Others are from the collection of the late Arthur Luckett, senior scientific officer at the Natural History Museum in London.

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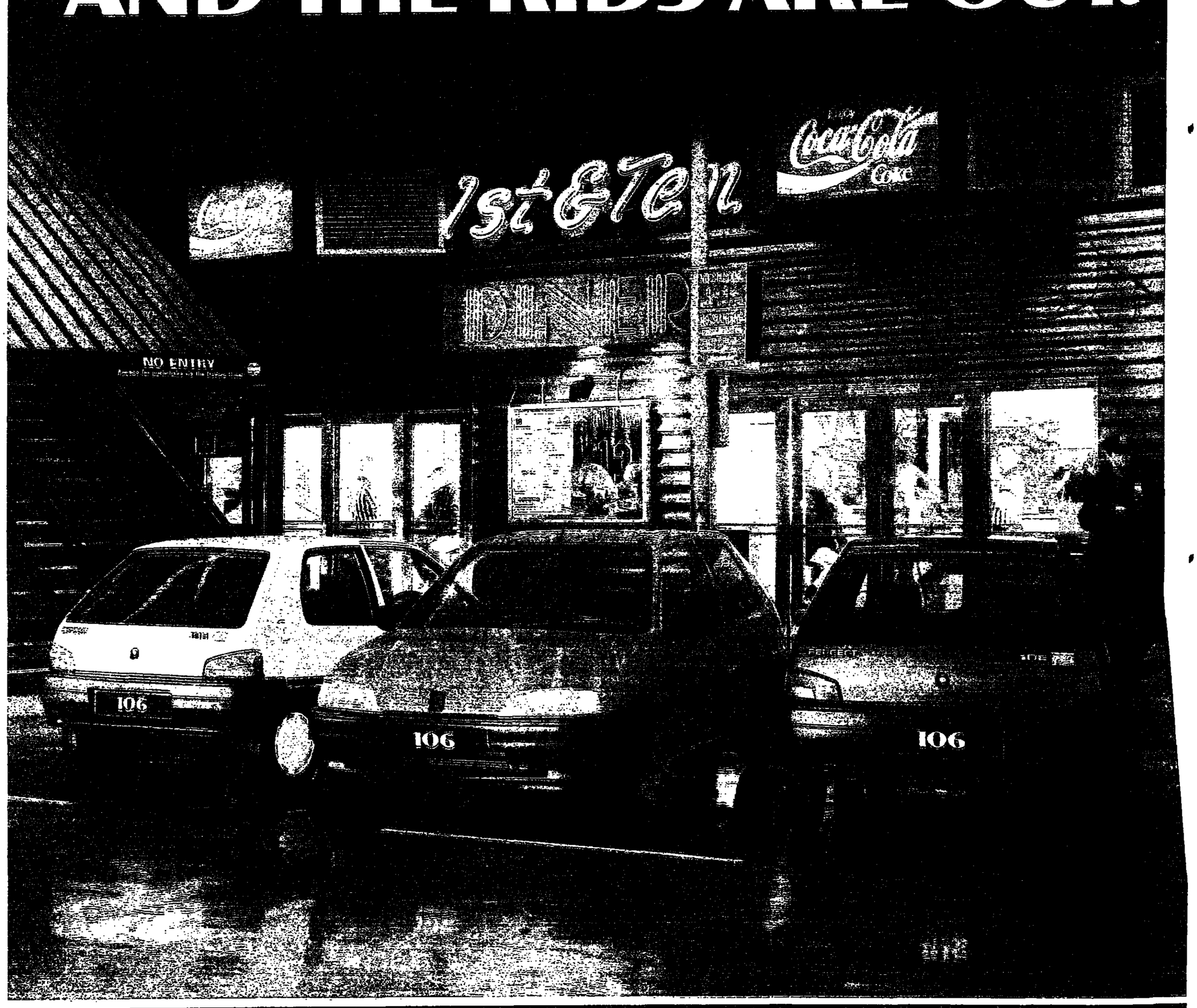
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Revolt threatens council elections

Shire Tories rally forces against local government reform

BY IAN MURRAY

A TORY backbench revolt over local government reform is dividing loyalties on the front bench just as the campaign for May's council elections gets under way. Conservatives from the shires, who are leading the revolt, are backed by some Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs.

The Local Government Commission has been ordered to finish redrawing the local authority map of England by the end of the year. This means every MP must decide now whether he favours the setting up of a new network of unitary authorities to run local government or the retention of the two-tier system.

Conservatives from the shires tend to want things to stay as they are. Tories from the towns prefer new unitary councils.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, wants a new style unitary council that would mean an end to interference in his Nottinghamshire constituency of Rushcliffe by the Labour county council. But Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, who represents rural Norfolk, wants nothing done to disturb the running of the Conservative controlled county.

David Heathcoat-Amory, MP for Wells in Somerset has threatened to resign as a junior Foreign Office minister if the proposal to divide Somerset into unitary authorities is approved. Tristan Garel-Jones, a close friend of the Prime Minister, is agitating behind the scenes against any idea of abolishing Hertfordshire County Council, which is Conservative controlled, and creating a unitary authority, likely to be Labour, covering his constituency of Watford.

Of the five sets of proposals put through so far by the commission, only those to create a unitary authority on the Isle of Wight are being accepted. In



Ryder: opposed to change in Norfolk

Cleveland, where the commission has proposed four unitary authorities, MPs are divided while the Government is seeking to push the proposals through Parliament.

The Government, unhappy that the commission was prepared to see two-tier authorities in Derby and Durham, has asked it to think again. Sir John Banham, who heads the commission, has said that he is only prepared to do so if local opinion has changed since he took soundings last year. The commission's proposals for Yorkshire, Somerset and Avon, still under review, are running into firm opposition. In Hampshire, Kent, Devon and Cornwall, MPs are getting together across the political divide to fight the idea of unitary councils even though the commission has not yet put forward any proposals.



Curry: under fire from backbenchers

The high cost of change is being emphasised by opponents of the unitary approach. It will cost about £1.1 billion to switch to unitary authorities, adding nearly £200 to the average council tax bill. Conservative authorities are acutely aware how much political damage that would do them.

David Curry, the minister responsible for the reorganisation, is having to deal with backbenchers' complaints. He has accepted a High Court ruling that the Government cannot advise the commission to opt for unitary authorities wherever possible, but is nevertheless trying to persuade the commission towards opting for the one-tier system.

For Labour, Douglas Henderson, the shadow local government minister, is trying to adopt a wait-and-see approach. He argues that the Government should not be putting forward proposals piecemeal and that Parliament must be allowed to see the full set of boundaries before reaching a decision.

Labour basically prefers the idea of unitary councils, in order to simplify local government. It has therefore been worried at the way the commission has put forward what Mr Henderson calls "a mish-mash" of two-tier and unitary arrangements. Labour MPs who oppose the new unitary councils tend to represent areas where their party controls the council. Keith Vaz in Leicester East and Harry Barnes in Derbyshire North East would both prefer no change.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Richard Branson, who yesterday enlisted the appeal of Desert Orchid to launch his bid to run the lottery

Bookies say lottery bid is one-horse race

BY BILL FROST AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

BRITAIN'S best-loved racehorse backed the bookies' favourite to run the national lottery yesterday. Desert Orchid was led through the snow in Trafalgar Square to help boost Richard Branson's bid to raise millions for charity by winning the operator's licence.

Mr Branson, accompanied by Lord Young of Graffham, one of his backers, delivered his bid at the lottery office and said: "I am 100 per cent certain we will win." The Branson bid — Lottery Foundation — is the only one of the eight applications that is committed to being non-profit making. William Hill make it 7/2 favourite.

The Great British Lottery Company, which includes Granada, Vodafone, Associated Newspapers and Hambros Bank, is quoted at 4/1. Camelot, made up of Cadbury, De La Rue and computer group ICL, is at 9/2. Lotco plc, an associate company of the Rank organisation, is 6/1. Rainbow, involving tobacco group BAT and advertising agency Leo Burnett, is at 20/1.

Other bidders were Enterprise Lottery Games for Good Causes, which includes the Ladbroke Group, and the Rothschild-Tattersalls consortium. The winning bid will be announced in May.

Some bidders predicted yesterday that they would be "up and running" by Christmas, but Mr Branson said he could begin operations in October.

The lottery is expected to raise between £2 billion and £4 billion a year, creating at least one millionaire a week. A weekly television programme featuring the live draw is expected to become the highest rating show on British television, with more than 20 million viewers. BBC and ITV have been lobbying the lottery bidders for months in an attempt to secure the programme.

Whoever wins the bid, ITV is certain to benefit from television commercials for the lottery. The winning lottery company will also be able to sponsor ITV programmes. Newspapers, which will publish the winning numbers, are also expecting to benefit.

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Pioneer of courtroom video link abused boy

A SENIOR Old Bailey offici who helped to pioneer vide links for victims in child se cases was jailed for a yea yesterday for indecently a saulting a boy aged ten.

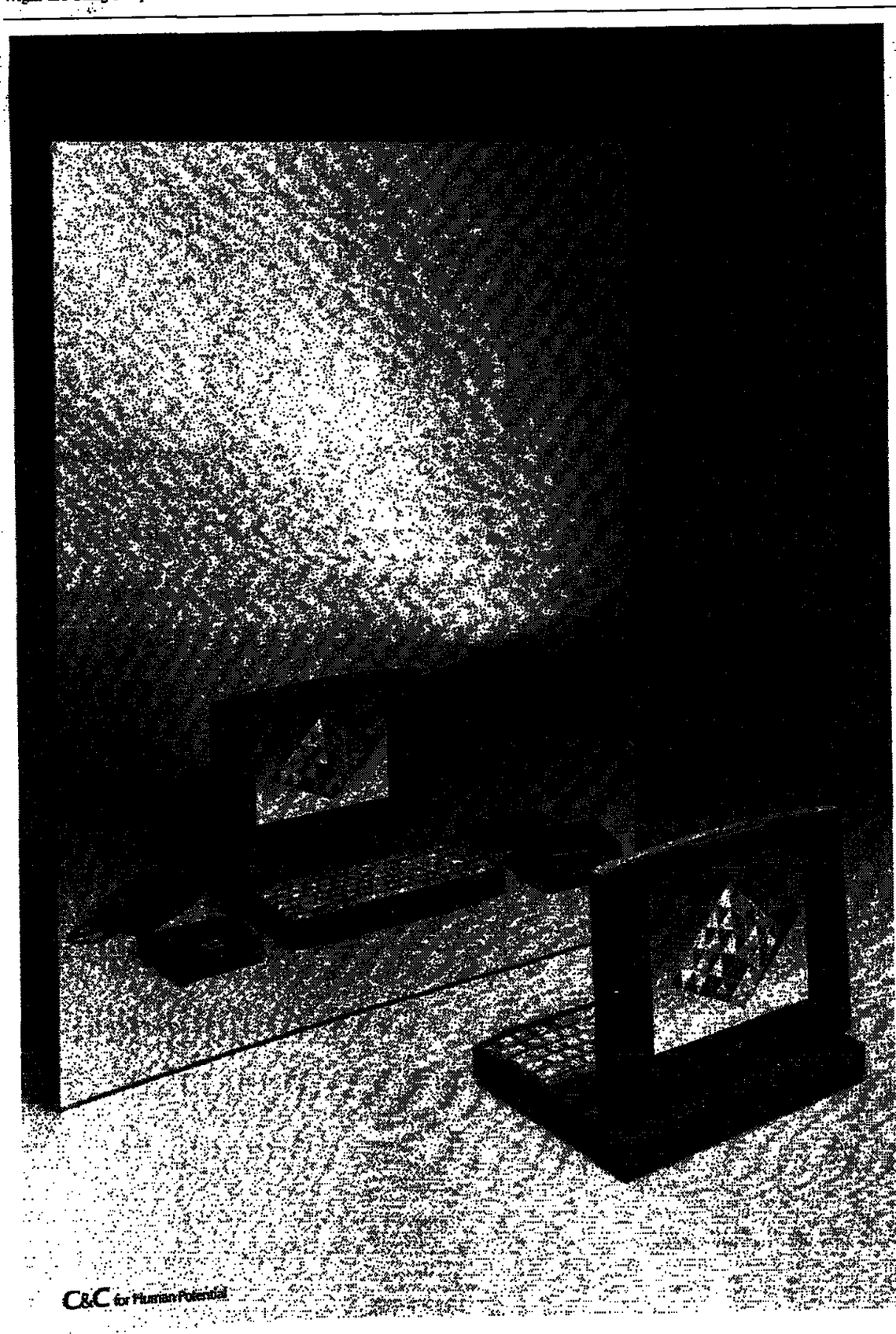
A jury at Hove Crown Cou convicted John Mapleston, 5 formerly chief clerk of th Central Criminal Court, c two charges of indecer assault after the boy gav evidence on the video link tha his abuser had helped i introduce. The system enable children to give evidence with out the trauma of being exam ined and cross-examined b lawyers in the courtroom.

Mapleston, of Hayling Is land, Hampshire, who ha denied the charges, was cor victed after a three-day tris held before Christmas. H was sentenced yesterday afte the case was adjourned fo reports.

The court heard tha Mapleston, who had worke in the courts for 33 years an has two grown-up children fondled the boy at his hom while his wife Rosemary wa in another room. The secon assault happened in a hote room, where he shared a bec with the boy before taking hin on an outing to Butlin's holi day camp in Bognor Regis Sussex. Both offences took place in February last year Mapleston was known to the boy's mother, who was raisin the child alone.

Judge Gower said that he was unable to accept a defence plea that the offences resulted from an "excess of tenderness". He said: "The mother entrusted him to your care thinking that you would provide the kind of companionship and example which, as she saw it, was lacking from a father figure because of the break-up of her marriage. You betrayed that trust."

Robert Seabrook QC, for Mapleston, said his client's life had been devastated by the convictions, which had caused "anguish, despair and humiliation". A folder of letters supporting Mapleston were handed to the judge, some thought to have been written by other judges who knew the convicted man.



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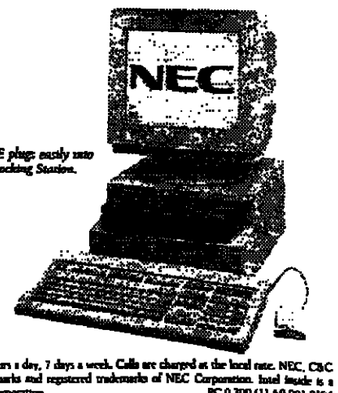
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Goya treat tops new menu of RA shows

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

LONDON is to see its first major Goya exhibition for almost 30 years. *Goya: Truth and Fantasy*, held in association with the *Times* and Classic FM, heads the new programme at the Royal Academy of Arts, unveiled yesterday.

The show, which will bring together 100 small-scale paintings — some never before seen in public — will encompass the whole of Goya's working life, including self-portraits of the 1790s and a series of works expressing his anxiety at Napoleon's domination of the Spanish peninsula. It runs from *March 17 to June 12*.

Norman Rosenthal, exhibitions secretary, said: "It starts off as a sunny exhibition and becomes, not gloomy, but tragical. I think we will find it a great revelation." The exhibition has been made possible by support from Iberia Airlines and an anonymous benefactor.

Attendance figures at the RA for 1992-93 were slightly down on the previous year. Of 922,000 visitors, 208,000 went to see *American Art in the 20th Century*.

Other highlights of he 1994-95 season include *The Glory of Venice: Art in the 18th Century*, featuring works by the great artists for whom colour and light were of primary importance: Tiepolo, Canaletto, Guardi, Canova and Piranesi.

A major exhibition of more than 90 works by Nicolas Poussin will open next year to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the artist's birth.

GP fears environment to blame for coastal clusters of deformities

Doctors mystified by two more babies lacking left hands

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO more babies born without left hands have come to light in Hastings, deepening the mystery over why so many children are born without limbs in coastal regions.

The two were born in April 1992 and February 1993. Dr John Rowan, their GP, said that in 12 years of practice he had never seen a similar case.

Other clusters of cases have been found in Irvine, Strathclyde; in Peterlee, Co Durham; in Ryde on the Isle of Wight; and in Co Cork and Co Wicklow in Ireland. They add urgency to studies being launched to discover the causes.

Nicola Benton-Powell, the mother of one of the Hastings babies, said she was devastated when her son Connor was born in April 1992. He had traces of fingers on his left hand, which were removed on the advice of doctors so that an artificial hand could be fitted.

Despite the disability, Connor is coping well. "He can't do some things," his mother said. "He can't climb, and he has a bit of trouble with Smarties — he can't shift them from one hand to another when he's trying to eat them."

Connor wears a cosmetic hand, which opens and closes when he leans forward. Later, he will be fitted with an electronic hand giving him greater mobility and control.

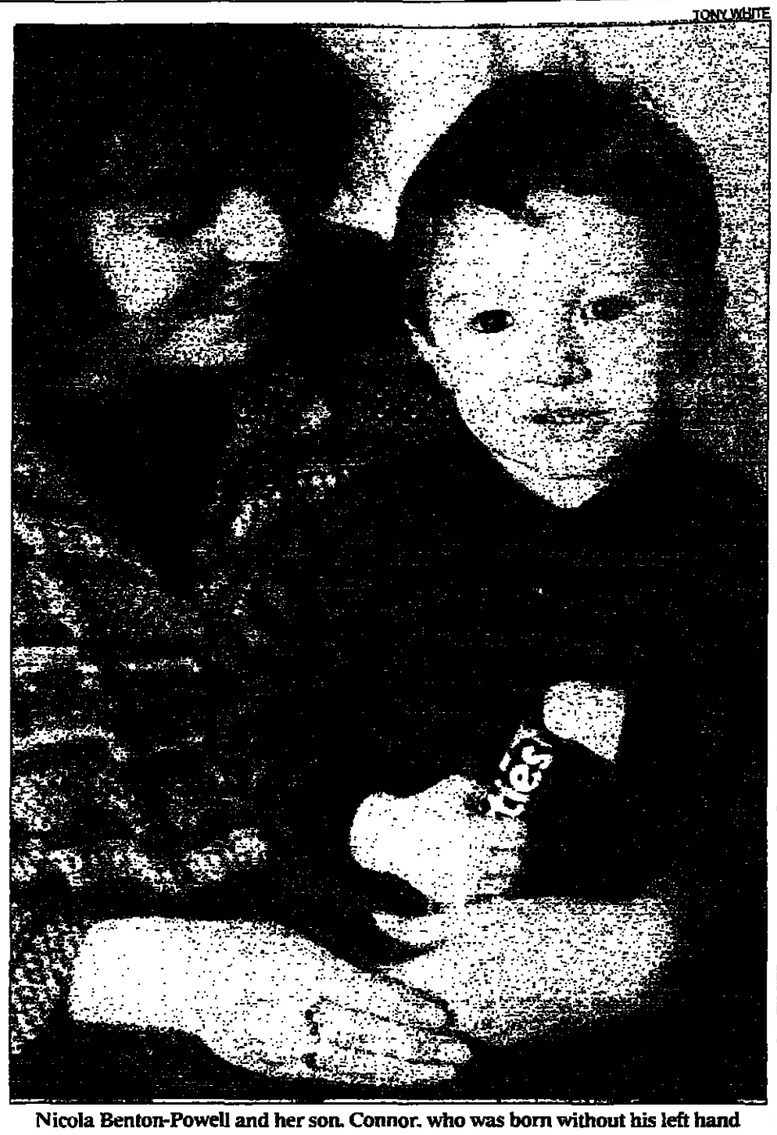
Evidence gathered by Dr Mark Denman-Johnson, a GP in Ryde, shows that in two-thirds of the recorded cases, it is the left hand — not the right — that is missing. He is sending questionnaires to 800 families with children suffering defects to try to identify common factors.

Dr Denman-Johnson became interested in the cases after five children with the same disability were born in Ryde over 23 months from 1989. The Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys has launched a study of birth records to establish whether the incidence of defects is higher in coastal areas.

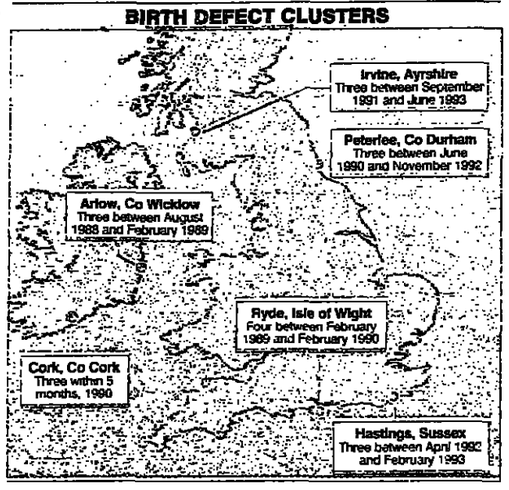
Recently, Dr Denman-Johnson met scientists from the Medical Research Council's environmental epidemiology unit at Southampton, who agreed that the Ryde cluster was greater than would have been expected. Staff at the Wessex Clinical Genetics Unit at Southampton are re-examining the cases to ensure there are no genetic factors involved.

If genetic factors are excluded, then research to discover an environmental cause will begin on the Isle of Wight and could be extended nationally. Many causes have been proposed, from radiation to viruses, pesticides and even the effects of swimming in the sea. Dr Denman-Johnson is prepared to rule out that. "If bathing were the cause, we would see a seasonal variation," he said. "The damage is done in the first eight weeks of pregnancy, so we would expect an increase in numbers of such babies born in the spring, and we see no such increase."

Dr Denman-Johnson believes there is evidence of a coastal bias. "On average, about three to four births in ten thousand suffer these upper-limb deformities," he said. "In Ryde we had four in just 300 births." His survey is being carried out with the co-operation of the charity Reach, which offers help to the families of the children born with such defects. Dr Rowan pointed out that Hastings was close to Dungeness's two nuclear power stations, but the other clusters showed no particular association with nuclear plants. Dr Denman-Johnson believes that the preponderance of left-hand abnormalities points to an environmental rather than a genetic cause: "If it were genetic, it would be random or involve both hands."



Nicola Benton-Powell and her son, Connor, who was born without his left hand



NEW IN BRIEF

Brasserie chef stabs two helpers

Two kitchen workers in the Kensington Place brasserie, west London, were stabbed by a trainee chef, who fled before police arrived.

The two staff members were taken to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, with wounds to the shoulder and head, but are not believed to be seriously injured.

Graham Edwards, the manager, said: "I am not prepared to comment. We are a modern English brasserie and that's all I will say."

Pets found

Carol Courage, 45, and her father Reginald, 74, who have been banned for life from keeping pets, fled their home with scores of animals just before welfare groups arrived. Nineteen cats were found in the airing cupboard of the house in Poole, which rescuers said reeked of urine.

Youths charged

Two A-level students, Jamie Petrolini, 19, and Richard Elsey, 18, both of Oxford, were remanded in custody at Marylebone Magistrates Court charged with murdering Mohammed El-Sayed, 44, who was found dead at the wheel of his car in Paddington by a traffic warden on January 15.

Mother held

A woman arrested after her husband and ten-year-old son were found suffering from knife wounds at their home in Heathfield, East Sussex, has been transferred to a mental institution.

Poison stolen

A bottle of strychnine containing enough poison to kill at least 20 adults has been stolen from a pharmacy in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. Police said the 5in brown bottle should not be opened if found.

Death remand

Shaun Hoods, 41, of Rustington, West Sussex, was remanded in custody for a week by Arundel magistrates charged with the murder last Saturday of Peter Duvall, who just celebrated his 50th birthday.

Indecency fine

David Pryke, 32, was fined £150 at Enfield Magistrates' Court, north London, for exposing himself to a group of horse riders in Flash Lane. He was caught after one of the riders picked up his trousers to prevent his escape.

Postman jailed

Peter Wells, 26, of Cove, Hampshire, was jailed for 18 months at Winchester Crown Court for hiding mailbags full of post at home because he could not cope with his round.

Gas blast

A woman, aged 21, was seriously ill in Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, after a gas explosion at her home in Leeds.

Bench mark

Ambulancemen said Barry Mole, 26, who fell 50ft from a fourth-floor window in Brighton, was saved by a wooden bench which broke his fall.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Ali's double

Ali Mortazavi has got off to an excellent start, winning his first two games in the Baroque international tournament currently in progress at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London. In his round two game Mortazavi sacrificed a pawn to displace the white king. A ferocious final attack hunted the white king to its doom.

White: O'Shaughnessy

Black: Mortazavi

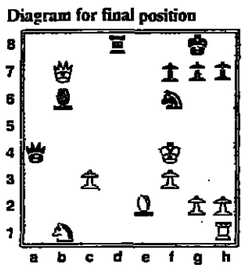
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27	Kxe3	Bb6+
28	Kf4	Qa4+

White resigns

Diagram for final position



The key move was 27 ... Bb6+ since 28 Qxb6 fails to 28 ... Nd5+. In the final position after 29 c4 Qb3 is crushing.

Hoteliers gang up on unwanted guests

BY ROBIN YOUNG

HOTELIERS and guest-house owners are setting up an early warning system to combat the activities of thieves and confidence tricksters.

A recent survey by the University of Leicester disclosed that in the past six *months more than a third of* small hotels had been the victims of guests who left without paying, while none had escaped thefts of towels, bedding and cutlery.

Hotel GuestWatch, a scheme being presented to regional tourist boards and *hotel and guest associations* throughout Britain, is the initiative of Norman Elms, owner of the Delmar Hotel in Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr Elms's patience was finally exhausted when he was bilked two days running. "In one case I actually managed to get the police to arrest him when he tried to leave, claiming that he was going to a bank to get some money. It turned out he had been working his way round Europe living free in hotels, yet now the police seem unlikely to prosecute because they say it is a civil matter."

Many hoteliers have informal arrangements to warn each other when confidence tricksters are about. Mr Elms said: "This is too little too late. *The warning usually comes* after the fraudster has moved on."

Mr Elms plans a computer data base. "We could log details of the names, addresses and descriptions that offending guests used, the stories they told, their descrip*tions, car number plates and* so on," he said. One hotelier claims to have lost £15,000 a year in clothes-hangers alone, while larger thefts include a 20ft by 12ft dance-floor carpet from a hotel in Fife, and an entire crop of onions from the kitchen garden of a hotel in Jersey.

Guests who leave without paying are not the only problem. Other perennials include false invoices sent to hotels for goods and services which have never been supplied.

Diggers threaten rare butterfly

BY NICK NUTTALL AND ROGER DOBSON

CONSERVATION groups are challenging plans for Britain's biggest opencast coal mine because it would destroy one of the last homes of the marsh fritillary butterfly.

The groups' request for a public enquiry highlights concern over threats to butterfly populations across the country. Dr Martin Warren of the *Butterfly Conservation Society* said yesterday that many opencast coal mine proposals were in the pipeline. Other sites were threatened by new roads, quarries and building.

Britain has some of the last strongholds of the marsh fritillary, which is threatened across Europe. The society believes that the Government's decision on the 850-acre Sela mine project, in the Vale of Neath, West Glamorgan, will be a measure of its commitment to treaties signed at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992 and a European habitats directive covering rare species.

The Countryside Council for Wales, backed by the butterfly society, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Friends of the Earth, has asked John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, for an enquiry. The Welsh Office said that he was considering the request.

The scheme, which was approved by West Glamorgan County Council last month, would destroy a 16-acre wet meadow which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The meadow is home to 50 breeding pairs of the rare butterfly and several rare species of orchid. Tony Jenkins, of the Countryside Council, said: "We are appalled at the planned destruction of this SSSI."

Alexander Cordell, author of *The Rape of the Fair Country*, has also appealed to Mr Redwood. "Many years ago I went there for literary research. From high ground I surveyed the Vale of Neath, not knowing that I might one day witness the rape of perhaps the loveliest industrialised valley in Wales."



The marsh fritillary: under pressure across Europe

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MP's resignation over love poems comes without rhyme or reason



Asquith: wrote love letters in Cabinet

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Hartley Booth should not have resigned. It does not matter whether Douglas Hogg has a parliamentary private secretary, or who it is. No one cares either in the Foreign Office, or in Finchley. But, insofar as Mr Booth's decision has some symbolic importance, he achieved the reverse of what he intended. He said his resignation was intended to save any embarassment to the Government.

In practice, he has made the Government's difficulties worse and undermined the slim chances of reviving the back-to-basics policy. Someone has to draw the line on what conduct is relevant for a politician remaining in office. Mr Booth has further blurred the line and stoked the current witchhunt.

Mr Booth's actions may, in the words of his constituency chairman, have been "pretty daft". He may even be rather a hypocrite since he is a Methodist lay preacher. But he is not the first middle-aged man, MP or not, to become infatuated with an attractive woman half his age. Many great plays and operas feature such comic themes. It does not really matter whether he is telling the truth about not having sexual relations with Emily Barr. Either way, Mr Booth's career at Westminster should not have been affected.

What on earth would the *Sunday Mirror* and similar tabloids have made of the news, if their proprietors had allowed them to print it then, that two successive Prime Ministers had close relationships with much younger women. Asquith, in his early 60s, had a prolonged romantic involvement with Venetia Stanley, who was less than half his age. Historians disagree about whether this was consummated, though Asquith was not required to make a statement about that. Even worse, Asquith wrote letters to her during Cabinet meetings, revealing discussions about wartime strategy, as well as political intrigues.

The 50-year-old Lloyd George had by then begun his long affair with his young secretary, Frances Stevenson, who was 24 when they first became lovers. There is no evidence that either of these relationships affected their behaviour in office, and they probably eased the tensions of office.

At present, there is a jittery mood at Westminster in which MPs are afraid that any trivial indiscretion might become headline news, and ruin their careers.

Until a sense of proportion is restored, the Government will remain on the defensive and attempts to focus back to basics on the themes of education, law and order and the economy will founder. By resigning, Mr Booth gave credence to the view that his behaviour, silly though it may have been, was an important political matter. It is time that some MP told the Savanarolas of the media to mind their own business, perhaps in the cavalier style of an Alan Clark. That would help to clear the present rather fetid air.

Mr Booth's real crime was his dreadful verse. That would have been enough in Clement Attlee's day. As Kenneth Harris writes in his biography of Attlee, John Strachey wanted to publish some poems and was told that a Cabinet minister could not publish a book without the Prime Minister's consent. Strachey assumed Attlee would not wish to see the book, but he did.

Nothing happened for three weeks, so Strachey rang Attlee, who said: "You can't possibly publish. The lines don't scan."

Mr Booth might also remember the fate of Cinna at the hands of the mob in *Julius Caesar*. In vain did he protest that he was Cinna the poet. The response of the citizens was: "Tear him for his bad verses."

PETER RIDDELL

Lamont opens old Tory wounds over monetary union

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS to paper over Conservative divisions on Europe were undermined yesterday by a call from Norman Lamont for a national referendum before Britain ever joined a single currency.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Lamont, the former Chancellor, also clashed over the Maastricht Treaty. Mr Hurd said that last year's bitter arguments were a thing of the past, but Mr Lamont gave a warning that its legacy would continue to haunt the Government.

Tory tensions over Europe in the run-up to the European Parliament elections in June, were also highlighted by Sir Alan Walters, Baroness Thatcher's former economics adviser, at a conference organised by City Concern over Federal Europe. He predicted that "Humpty Dumpty" of the ERM would be put back together again by end of the year, threatening renewed inflation, massive swings in interest rates and renewed turmoil in currency markets.

Addressing prospective Tory MEPs at Conservative Central Office yesterday, Mr Hurd made almost no mention of the ERM or economic and monetary union (EMU) as he set out the Tories' stall for the European elections — widely seen as critical to John Major's survival as Prime Minister. Instead, he concentrated on unifying themes, such as boosting jobs by cutting red tape in Brussels, and tried to reassure Eurosceptics by setting his face against a European superstate. He urged Tories not to "scratch about the worn-out arguments of 1993".

Mr Lamont, addressing a Dow Jones conference in London, made it clear that the controversies surrounding the pound's enforced exit from the ERM in September 1992 and the effective break-up of the currency grid last August were still very much alive. He said that Europe was better off without the ERM and that it would be "very difficult to reassemble".

Mr Lamont also warned that countries such as France and Germany might seek to follow the advice of Sir Leon Brittan, one of Britain's European commissioners, and leap to a single currency without the intervening stage of fixed exchange rates envisaged as stage two of EMU in the Maastricht Treaty. If a future British Government wished to take part, it should first put the issue to the people, Mr Lamont said. "The move to a single currency is not an administrative matter like decimalisation of the coinage. It strikes at the heart of sovereignty."

The former Chancellor attacked monetary union, saying it would worsen unemployment and create "irresistible" pressures for political union in a European superstate. "For me, the real danger about monetary union is not that it will happen. Rather, it is that another attempt, doomed to failure, will be made."

Downing Street officials said that the Prime Minister had made clear in the past that "if a single currency became a running item for the UK then it would be a matter for Parliament at the time".

Mr Hurd sought to distance the Tories from the European People's Party — the centre-right grouping in Strasbourg, which supports a single currency, a federal Europe and the social chapter. The relationship between the two was an "alliance, not a merger", he said. He told the Conservative Euro-candidates: "The Conservative Party is not a member of the EPP, nor is it bound by any EPP policy statements or manifestos."

DAVID CAIRNS



John Major meeting some of the Tory candidates for June's European parliament elections yesterday. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who addressed the candidates at Central Office, warned them not to "scratch about the worn-out arguments of 1993"

Redwood hits back at claims of Welsh 'corruption'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN Redwood went on the offensive in the Commons yesterday in the face of continuing Labour allegations about "sleaze and corruption" in Welsh public life.

Labour complaints about appointments to quangos and other government agencies have dominated Welsh questions since the resignation of Gwyn Jones as the chairman of the Welsh Development Agency last July. Welsh Labour MPs have accused the Government of making politically motivated appointments of "Tory placemen" to public bodies.

Win Griffiths, the Labour MP for Bridgend, said that people appointed to Welsh quangos from the Tory Party outnumbered those from other parties "by at least five to one".

However, the Welsh Secretary said yesterday that much public money in Wales was spent by Labour-controlled local authorities. "Your remarks are a slur on them, as they are on the Welsh Office and those who work in Welsh public life," Mr Redwood said. He said he wanted to see co-operation from everyone involved in public life "to ensure high standards are upheld and maintained".

Ron Davies, the shadow Welsh Secretary, called on the Government to co-operate with Labour on appointments to public offices. "It is your own party's abuse of the system for self-serving party political ends that now makes the case for the disclosure of political affiliation so overwhelming," he told Mr Redwood. Mr Redwood promised to talk to Mr Davies "privately" about co-operation with Labour on appointments.

Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West, claimed there were now "more quangos in Cardiff than gondolas in Venice" and urged ministers to "clean up their act with regard to appointments to top jobs".

Ministers retreat on student union reform

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS are preparing to abandon the core of their student union reforms in order to save a planned reorganisation of teacher training when the Education Bill returns to the House of Lords next week.

Tory peers staged a rebellion when the Bill was introduced before Christmas. They put down a series of amendments which would emasculate the Government's plans for tight restrictions on the unions' activities.

John Patten, the Education Secretary, promised tough action last year. But the measures to be put before Parliament next week are likely to go little further than those proposed by National Union of Students itself.

New clauses are expected to be based on a code of conduct drawn up by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, which led the opposition to the Government's plans. Unions would be made more accountable and students would be given the right to opt out of membership.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Big banks accused of 'scam'

Kenneth Clarke yesterday came under Labour pressure to end a "scam" by which the big banks allegedly make hundreds of millions of pounds by deliberately delaying the clearing of customers' cheques and standing orders.

Nigel Griffiths, the Opposition consumer affairs spokesman, called on the Chancellor to explain the failure of the Bank of England to supervise the high street banks.

Mr Griffiths said: "The banks are making up to £300 million a year by taking four days to clear cheques. They usually have the money within three days but use the extra day to invest in the international money market and pocket the profits.

"The second scam — which nets them nearly £40 million a year — concerns delays in processing standing orders. With modern technology it takes seconds to switch money from one bank to another. Yet banks are taking the money out of customers' accounts, investing it in the international money markets and three days later crediting the business or other organisation to whom the order is made payable."

War crimes hunt goes on

English police are continuing their enquiries into alleged Nazi war criminals living in the UK, despite the recent disbanding of the War Crimes Unit in Scotland, the Government said yesterday.

Earl Ferrers, a Home Office minister, said 27 of the original 343 cases were still under investigation but no prosecutions had been brought yet.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: employment: Prime Minister (Leader of the House answering). Debate on Welsh revenue support grant.
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Rough diamond Clinton cuts tough deals on trade

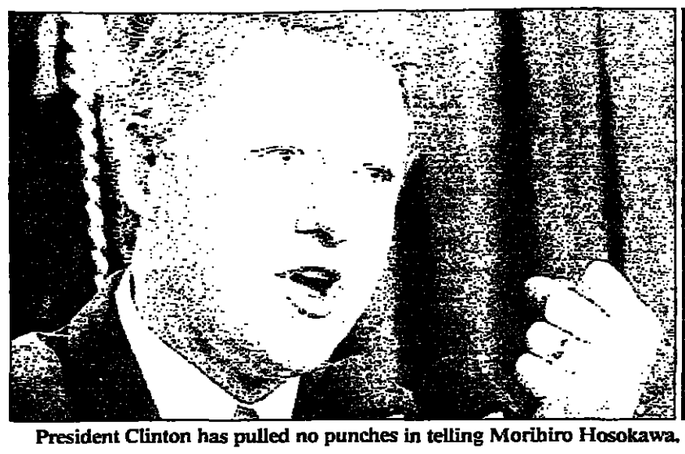
FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WHILE addressing car workers in Louisiana last week, President Clinton shocked aides with a distinctly unpresidential deviation from the prepared text. "When I was a younger man and had a life, I owned an El Camino pick-up in the 1970s. It was a real sort of Southern deal. I had Astroturf in the back. You don't want to know why, but I did."

For all his unquestioned intelligence, there is a rough edge to this President from insular, small-town Arkansas, shared by none of his postwar predecessors, save possibly Lyndon Johnson. It is a roughness that permeates even Mr Clinton's foreign policy, as Japan is discovering to its cost.

Successive American Presidents have huffed and puffed and demanded that Japan open its markets to US exports. Tokyo has repeatedly called their bluff, offering token concessions but confident that America would do nothing to jeopardise a crucial Cold War alliance. This time, however, Mr Clinton has ignored diplomatic niceties and forced a showdown.

With Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, standing beside him, Mr Clinton bluntly declared last Friday that Japan had reneged on its promises. It was "better to have reached no agreement than an empty agreement", he insisted. The Administration is expected to slap sanctions on selected Japanese imports that could trigger a trade war. Mr Clinton's toughness in this instance contrasted starkly with his response to the Bosnian war. Having failed last April in his half-hearted attempt to win allied support for arming the Muslims, Mr Clinton refused to participate in talks on Bosnia's partition, declared the conflict Europe's problem, and turned his back.





President Clinton has pulled no punches in telling Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, that Tokyo has broken its trade promises

"Bill Clinton's dilatory, casuistic response to the great crime in the Balkans was not only shameful, it also marked a moment in the history of American foreign policy," declared the *New Republic* magazine. "This Administration is transforming the only superpower in the world into the only abdicating superpower in the world. Poor Bosnia, it should have found itself in a trade war. Trade wars we fight. Wars of genocide we watch."

That is indeed the essence of America's new foreign policy, which is no longer driven by security concerns but by raw economic self-interest. It is spearheaded by a President whose re-election depends on fulfilling his 1992 campaign pledge to restore America's economic might.

Britain learnt that painful lesson last month when it mistakenly believed the "special relationship" would prevent Mr Clinton admitting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, to America. In fact, Mr Clinton considered it more important to please two Irish American senators whose support he required for his health care reforms. Europe learnt the same lesson during last December's frantic efforts to complete the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Mr Clinton went to the brink in his battle against European Community protectionism and began openly courting East Asia's economic power-houses.

In the first year of his presidency, Mr *Clinton fought for nothing harder than* the North American Free Trade Agreement. He says: "Exports are the lifeblood of our economic growth."

During the Cold War, America supported unsavoury regimes because they were anti-communist. Now it is economic considerations that take priority over human rights. Mr Clinton, who accused President Bush of "coddling" the "butchers of Beijing", is urgently searching for ways to prevent American trade with China, the world's fastest growing market, being crippled by congressional determination to end its preferential trading status. Under huge pressure from corporate America, Mr Clinton this month lifted the US trade embargo against another rapidly expanding market, Vietnam.

In fairness, Mr Clinton has lavished money and attention on Russia without hope of an early economic payback, but the reason for that is simple: Russia remains capable of destroying the United States.

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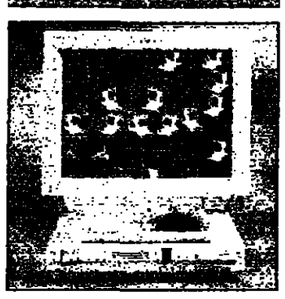
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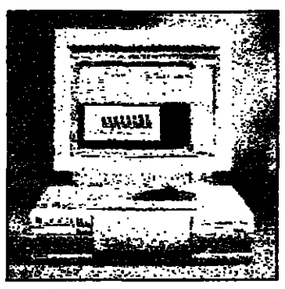
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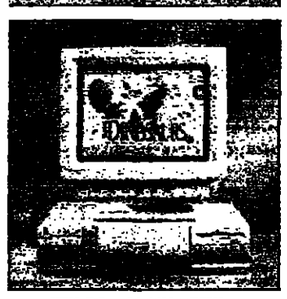
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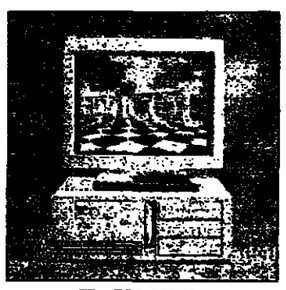
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Tokyo office girls surrender to male stripper invasion

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

THREE times a night in a trendy Tokyo basement club, a troupe of American and British men strut and strip to pulsating disco beats for an audience primarily of squealing young Japanese women.

For an hour, they pout and gyrate in fluorescent G-strings and other costumes. With a mixture of embarrassment and titillation, the mostly twenty-somethings in the audience eagerly stuff "play money" they have purchased before the show — for the equivalent of £4 per note — down the G-strings. Kisses and caresses are meted out in return, but the body contact is carefully calibrated: just enough and not too much.

"It's not dirty at all. It's just lots of fun and a great release from stress — we'll come back next month," enthused five self-proclaimed "office ladies" in their late twenties, who each paid the equivalent of £20 admission and another £10 on "tip money".

For Western societies, male strip clubs for women are an old story. But in modern Japan, female sexuality is a delicate subject. Since 1990 however, there has been the narcissistic "body con" (body-conscious) craze, peaking in frenzied displays of exhibitionism at Juliana's night-club, where scantily-clad girls flocked to dance on catwalks. But the catwalks have disappeared from Juliana's, which lost its edge as imitation discos mushroomed.

In the last month a couple of bars around Tokyo have started shows for women using Japanese male strippers. However, the pioneer and undisputed leader is J-men's, a tarted-up former disco. It launched the first shows featuring foreign male strippers in early December.

The shows have been playing to packed houses, according to manager Hirotoshi Takada. One reason for the *popularity, he says, is the use* of professional foreign entertainers auditioned overseas and flown to Japan on three-month contracts. Japanese strippers wouldn't work: "It's not exciting for Japanese to see Japanese strip," he said.

Maiyumi, in her mid-twenties, agrees. She came for her *second visit to J-men's with 11* friends. "I'd come back here, but I'd never go to see Japanese male strippers, they're not as muscular and also, it would just seem strange — even my men friends agree, they come because they're curious."

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Vienna stumbles in waltz towards EU membership

FROM ROGER BOYES IN VIENNA

■ Scare stories in the yellow press about overweaning bureaucracy and fears over loss of sovereignty are making Austria's steps towards Brussels ever more tentative

AUSTRIA, once expected to waltz smoothly into the European Union, is elbowing its partners, treading on toes and pogo-dancing in a most un-Viennese manner.

Negotiations for entry into the European Union via the European Free Trade Area (Efta) should have been completed by the end of this month. Sweden and Finland are near a deal, while Norway has predictably slipped behind because of the difficulties of opening up fishing waters. But the most surprising development is the tough and apparently intractable negotiations with Vienna.

The alpine republic is on paper the ideal new boy. It fulfils all the Maastricht criteria for monetary union and the Austrian schilling has long been comfortably tied to the German mark.

There are three sticking points in the negotiations with Brussels: protection for farmers, an alpine transit agreement, and the unrestricted right of foreigners to buy property in Austria. None of these problems seems insuperable to outside observers, yet Austrians are seriously doubting that they will complete a deal by the March deadline. This would undermine the whole, carefully synchronised timetable of Austrian accession in 1995-96.

The negotiating problems camouflage more profound doubts about the Union, and a changing perception of



Vranitzky: Europe is key to modernisation

Europe. The idea that Europe is a symbol, a measuring rod for the modernisation of society, is still promoted by Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor. But that is no longer a widely held belief even within the Union.

Austrian farmers are naturally the most suspicious about EU membership. They, and the food manufacturers, have profited from a relatively closed market and high food prices. If Austria were swamped with imported food products, many farmers would go out of business. The negotiators have to come up with the necessary security guarantees for Austrian farmers without compromising the fundamental principles of Union membership. But with an election looming, it would be madness for the government to be seen as the great betrayer of the alpine farmer.

The transit agreement is another seemingly minor issue that touches on the whole question of European versus national identity. Austria and the EU agree to restrict, for ecological reasons, the number of heavy lorries crossing through the Tyrol to Italy. The deal runs to the end of the decade but the EU is now arguing that it restricts the free transfer of goods between Union members. Brussels says the accord should be scrapped in 1997.

The assumption in Austria is that the EU is playing hard because of opposition to Efta entries from certain countries, Spain in particular. There is considerable anxiety that Vienna would be yet another spokesman for Central Europe and Central European access to EU markets.

The Spanish are not alone in being nervous about a new Austro-German-Central European axis within the Union. Yet such an alignment will probably emerge anyway, even if Austria stayed out. Indeed, the Austrians might well become more dependent on Germany as outsiders than in full membership.

In 1990-91, joining the Union seemed the inevitable course for Austria; neutrality had lost its strategic meaning, and Europe was plainly the most dynamic force in the world. Since then, the terms have changed. For all the rhetoric, Europe has no grand security policy to offer Austria in return for its long-cherished neutrality. It would be more logical — but so far unthinkable for much of the Austrian public — to seek membership of Nato.

The financial advantage of the European Economic Region has taken some of the shine from the more obvious benefits of full Union membership. The urgency to enter the EU has faded somewhat.

The anti-entry campaign is being waged with the proficiency of tribal witchdoctors. The Austrian tabloids seized on British research findings that some forms of blood plasma could be made into edible chocolate bars. "This is Europe?" asked one tabloid columnist. Car stickers said: "Say no to Europe, say no to blood chocolate". Discussion for a forthcoming referendum should be intriguing, exposing buried questions about whether to widen or deepen the Union. Until then, the popular mood will be swayed by the voodoo rhetoric of Austria's yellow press.

Strikers add weight to fish war



Striking French fishermen blocking the access road to Boulogne harbour with an anchor yesterday in the continuing dispute over cheap fish imports. Protests spread to four Mediterranean ports, including Marseilles, which were blocked by boats and nets for several hours before the fishermen agreed to lift the blockade after a meeting with local officials. Fishermen from Brittany stopped four lorries near Paris to check whether they contained imported fish, and French radio reported that they dumped the cargoes on the road.

The fishermen, who voted on Thursday to continue their two-week-old strike, claim cheap imports are pushing them towards bankruptcy and are pressing the government for more aid. Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, who responded by tightening import controls and granting two aid packages worth a total of 450 million francs (£50 million), has rejected a fishermen's request to meet them to discuss fresh aid. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Americans paid Poles for Soviet weapons

Washington: America secretly paid Poland and other Warsaw Pact states hundreds of millions of dollars at the height of the Cold War to acquire state-of-the-art Soviet weaponry, *The Washington Post* reported (Martin Fletcher writes).

Using foreign intermediaries, European bank accounts and third countries, Washington acquired everything from the latest Soviet air defence and radar systems to armed helicopters, torpedoes, self-propelled artillery and even the legendary T72 Soviet battle tank despite Moscow's strict controls.

The CIA's extraordinary clandestine purchasing programme kept America well informed about Soviet military capabilities during the 1980s and saved billions of dollars in the costs of developing counter-measures, the newspaper said.

Killing claim

Sydney: The Australian Council for Overseas Aid has called on the UN Commission on Human Rights to investigate a claim that 200 survivors of a 1991 massacre in Dili, capital of East Timor, were killed by Indonesian troops while in hospital. The claim is made in a John Pilger television report to be shown in Britain this month. *(Reuter)*

Bus ambush

Cairo: Gunmen ambushed a bus carrying eight Romanian engineers in the Egyptian regional capital of Assiut, in the first such attack since Islamic fundamentalists issued a "final" warning to foreign tourists and investors to leave. No one was injured.

Police order

Taba: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators discussed plans to deploy a PLO police force in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. The talks being held at this Egyptian Red Sea resort were the first since they reached agreement last week on other security aspects of impending Palestinian self-rule.

Request stop

Sydney: A woman who allegedly stole a bus and crashed it into parked cars had her bail refused because she had taken over buses twice before. A magistrate noted that the woman had a bus fetish and had moved to Bondi to be nearer a bus depot. *(Reuter)*

Hawks in flight

Kuala Lumpur: The first of 28 British-made Hawk advanced jet fighters bought by the Malaysian air force is due to arrive in Penang at the end of the month. Nine more will be delivered by British Aerospace by the end of the year. *(Reuter)*

Critics of Nice trial plead for English justice

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

If Hercule Poirot had been on hand and if an English court had heard the evidence, then Omar, the gambling gardener of Nice, could never have been sent to prison. These thoughts have appeared in a storm of criticism from French lawyers, judges and public figures over the sentencing of Omar Raddad to 18 years in prison for the murder of his rich employer at her Riviera house.

The verdict at the Alpes-Maritimes assizes on February 2 after a highly publicised trial is being depicted as a miscarriage of justice, which highlights flaws in the legal system: the lack of any appeal, failure to emphasise the benefit of the doubt, and the practice in which the judge is a member of the jury.

The misgivings have arisen because Raddad, a shy, illiterate Moroccan with a clean record, was convicted solely on the evidence of the ungrammatical message that was scrawled in blood beside the body of Ghislaine Marchal: "Omar killed me."

Police failed to look for fingerprints, and no traces of blood or other matter tied Raddad to the crime. In a rare chorus, the critics say there was just too much doubt. Jacques Vergès, the celebrity lawyer acting for Raddad, got to the heart of the matter, accusing the court that it assumed Raddad's guilt because he was an Arab. M Vergès is being prosecuted for his remarks, which compared the Omar case with the Dreyfus affair.

The Union of Judges and the Union of Lawyers, both left-wing organisations, denounced the trial as a farce. Eighteen other lawyers have issued a protest, as have 40 prominent personalities, including Marguerite Duras, the novelist, and Perre Bergé, chief of the Yves Saint-Laurent empire. Critics from the right wing have included Jean d'Ormesson, the writer. Alexandre Chabat, a doctor called as an expert during the trial, said he had been "scandalised by the verdict" because he believed Marchal would have been so incapacitated by her wounds that she could not have scrawled the message.

Under fire is the nature of the system. The main complaint is the lack of any course of appeal except on procedure after conviction in the assizes, the equivalent to a crown court in England. A second complaint is the practice in which the judge and two assessors take part in the jury's deliberations. Three jurors in the Raddad trial took the rare step of breaking their oath of silence. They complained that the judge, who was clearly hostile to Raddad, had stifled their doubts.

French juries are not instructed to decide "beyond reasonable doubt". Their verdict must be based on their "intimate conviction", a more subjective formula.

The row has allowed the media to draw unflattering comparisons with the English system. *Le Monde* noted that an English-style court would never have admitted the hearsay evidence that the prosecution used to blacken Raddad's character. The *Nouvel Observateur* said the Nice police rushed too quickly to assume Raddad's guilt. "It is a pity the gendarmes did not have the intricate mind of an Agatha Christie," it added.



Raddad: convicted because of an ungrammatical message in blood allegedly written by the victim

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Patten extols virtues of liberal Australia as blueprint for Asia

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHRIS Patten, the Hong Kong Governor, last night held up Australia as an example for Asia of a country successfully twinning human rights with prosperity.

Mr Patten, addressing the Asia-Australia Institute in Sydney on the second day of a week-long visit, appealed for greater democracy in Asia. He asked: "Are some Asian leaders really prepared to argue that respect for human dignity is an exclusively European or North American or Australian concept? I don't believe for a moment that human rights stop at the borders of Asia, and nor, do I believe, do most Asians. Indeed the evidence is that communities which pay proper regard to human rights tend to perform better economically."

Before he flew into Australia, Mr Patten had further defended his proposals to widen democracy in Hong Kong. His comments came after Ma Yuzhen, the Chinese ambassador to Britain, warned the Commons foreign affairs committee in London that, if Mr Patten proceeded with his reforms, "China will definitely disband and re-establish Hong Kong's three-tier councils on July 1, 1997." In what committee members termed a bombshell, Mr Ma accused those who doubted that of irresponsibility and of misleading the British and the Chinese people.

Over the weekend, one of Mr Patten's most persistent critics, Sir Percy Cradock, a former foreign policy adviser to Baroness Thatcher and John Major, recalled being told in Peking, where he had made a secret fence-mending trip after the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989, how Chinese leaders assured him that if Britain acted unilaterally to increase the degree of democracy in Hong Kong, "they would impose their own conflicting arrangements and there would be, as they put it, 'big trouble'." Nonetheless, sometime during the next month, Mr Patten will introduce into Hong Kong's Legislative Council the core of his constitutional plan. The first part of the proposal essentially introduces somewhat more democratic procedures into the local elections this year and reduces the voting age from 21 to 18. The council is expected to pass the change this month.

Legislating this meagre tranche of the original plan has repeatedly provoked Peking into vowing to abolish Hong Kong's entire administrative structure immediately after the takeover — as Mr Ma has just repeated — and into threatening British business interests in Peking. While some of Mr Patten's supporters believe the council will vote for most of the rest of his package, other democrats suspect that many members will fear antagonising China and will want an amended Bill.

US congressman sees Nobel prize-winner under house arrest



Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the Burmese opposition, who has been under house arrest in Rangoon for four and a half years

Burma allows visit to dissident leader

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

AUNG San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader under house arrest for four and a half years, received a visit yesterday from a delegation led by an American congressman.

The meeting in her heavily guarded Rangoon house, five months before her arrest order is due to expire, appeared to signal that the military junta is responding to international pressure over its harsh treatment of the Nobel peace laureate. There was no immediate news about the outcome of the four-hour meeting, the first that Daw Suu Kyi has had from outside her immediate family.

The congressman, Bill Richardson of New Mexico, a Democrat, was accompanied by Jehan Raheem, the United Nations representative in Rangoon, Kenneth Pitterle, the First Secretary at the US embassy, and a *New York Times* correspondent.

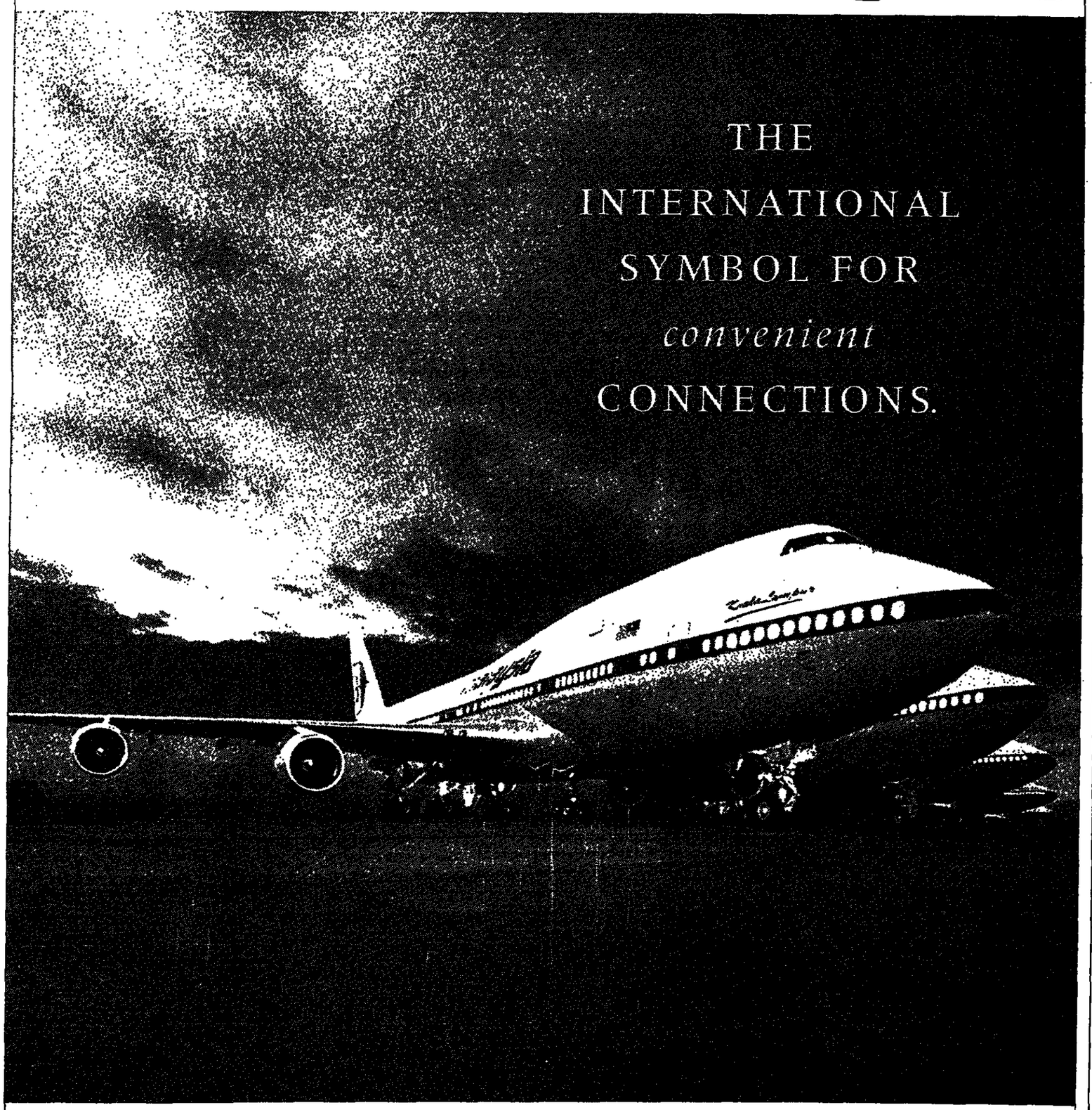
Diplomats in the region were cautious about the significance of the meeting, as previous requests by human rights groups, visiting American congressmen and journalists had been turned down. With her detention order due to expire on July 20, diplomats in Rangoon believe it would be "politically awkward" for the ruling junta to prolong Daw Suu Kyi's house arrest.

During a visit to Burma last July, Mr Richardson asked to see Daw Suu Kyi, the leader of Burma's opposition National League for Democracy, which won the 1990 general election later annulled by the junta. He was told he might be able to meet her on a future visit. Since her house arrest in 1989 only her husband, Michael Aris, a British academic, and their two sons have been permitted visits.

Before the meeting Mr Richardson saw Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, the First Secretary of Burma's ruthless ruling council. Sources said the congressman may meet Daw Suu Kyi again today.

The Times had reported last month that Daw Suu Kyi might soon be permitted high-ranking foreign visitors. It is likely that a US congressman was granted first access because of Rangoon's desire to appease Washington.

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King Goodwill presses for Zulu self-rule

■ King Goodwill insists on a sovereign monarchy in Zulu lands. But Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has hinted that compromise with Pretoria will be needed

FROM LAWRENCE BARTLETT IN DURBAN

KING Goodwill Zwelithini demanded sovereignty for his Zulu kingdom in a meeting with President de Klerk yesterday, as tens of thousands of his spear-wielding subjects took over the streets outside.

Police and onlookers dived for cover when volleys of shots rang out in the packed streets round the Durban city hall, where King Goodwill was handing the South African leader his demand for control over lands held by the Zulus until they were conquered by the British in 1879. The estimated 40,000 Zulus cheered at each volley and, waving their weapons, turned the streets into a forest of spears.

Earlier, the king told his supporters at a rally in King's Park stadium that negotiations had failed to secure a just future for the Zulu nation and he had "come to the end of the road". To cries of *bayete*, the traditional royal salute, he peppered his address with references to his ancestors, including Shaka who founded the Zulu nation.

The same theme was played on by Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the king's uncle and leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, who invoked the memory of Zulu battles against the British and the Afrikaner settlers.

In a speech full of Zulu pride, the man seen as the power behind the throne said he hoped the call for sovereignty would send "shock waves of reality in the direction of the South African government and the African National Congress". But in a tacit acknowledgement that sovereignty is almost impossible, Chief Buthelezi hinted that a compromise would have to be found between demands for sovereignty and the planned constitution.

In a memorandum presented to Mr de Klerk, the king said he was preparing to promulgate a "constitution of KwaZulu and Natal which will establish a monarchy modelled after the best examples of democratic and pluralistic monarchies in the world".

The king's public demand comes hard on the heels of the decision by Inkatha on Saturday to boycott the first all-race elections in April and raise yet another obstacle to the peaceful end of apartheid.

The ANC has accused Chief Buthelezi of manipulating King Goodwill, but the monarch made it clear in his speech that he was on Chief Buthelezi's side, saying he knows of "no Zulu more bold and true". He said that Mr de Klerk had suggested a referendum on the issue, an idea the king rejected yesterday. *(AFP)*

☐ **Cape Town:** Nelson Mandela said yesterday that the ANC did not believe that South African businessmen could be trusted to develop a post-apartheid economy without state intervention.

"Left to their own devices, the South African business community will not rise to the challenges that face us," he said, adding that an ANC government's priority would be to create jobs. *(Reuter)*

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Goodwill Zwelithini: appeal to his ancestors

Banda detainee named as heir

FROM FRANCIS MDLONGWA IN BLANTYRE

ONE of Malawi's most famous former political prisoners, detained by President Banda for more than a decade, has been elected virtual successor to the ailing nonagenarian leader. Gwanda Chakuamba, 58, emerged from a meeting of the Malawi Congress Party in Blantyre as its undisputed head. The party has governed the country with little opposition for the past 30 years.

Mr Chakuamba, a tall, elegant former Youth Minister, elected to the No. 2 post in the party, would automatically become President in the event of Dr Banda's incapacity or death. Mr Chakuamba was sentenced to 22 years in jail for plotting to kill Dr Banda, the supreme ruler of Malawi since the country's independence from Britain in 1964, but was freed last year after serving 13 years.

In winning the vice-presidential post and becoming the first ever deputy to Dr Banda, he eclipsed political rivals such as Hetherwick Ntaba, the Foreign Minister, and Robson Chirwa, the Regional Affairs Minister. He also triumphed over John Tembo, for the past three decades Malawi's *éminence grise* and Dr Banda's closest ally.

Shortly after his release, Mr Chakuamba shocked many opposition pro-democracy activists by rejoining his former party. *(Reuter)*

Visit gives Major chance to measure Yeltsin spirits



Yeltsin: colleagues are used to his disappearing acts

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ The Russian leader, constantly challenged over his authority and policy, has kept a low profile. John Major will be able to weigh up for himself the President's response to anti-reform changes

WHEN John Major sits down with President Yeltsin in the Kremlin today, he will have the chance that many senior Russian politicians would relish — to clap eyes on a leader who has been conspicuous by his absence in recent weeks.

Mr Major will also be the first Western leader to weigh up for himself Mr Yeltsin's response to a Cabinet reshuffle enacted by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, which turned out to be a rout of reformers, causing a surge of depression abroad about the prospects for continuing change.

The day-long delay President Clinton experienced last week in getting through to Mr Yeltsin on the Washington-Moscow hotline to talk about Bosnia nettled the White House but it was quite a familiar occurrence for Mr Yeltsin's colleagues, used to his sporadic disappearing acts. Last October, for example, he went to his country residence when the tension at the Russian parliament was at its height and had to be ferried back in haste after riots started.

Mr Yeltsin's detractors exploit lapses like this to pump out the old rumour that the Russian leader is looking for the solution to his problems in a vodka bottle. More likely, he goes to ground to mull over his troubles away from the nervy environs of the Kremlin and to shake off a persistent cold.

Whatever the truth, he is choosing to keep a low profile. His meeting with Mr Major today will be the last visit by a senior Western leader for several months, and his own once-close circle of advisers admit that, with the exception of Viktor Ilyushin, his oldest ally from his days as Communist Party boss in Sverdlovsk, he has pushed them aside.

Visits by foreign leaders no longer cause much excitement in Moscow. Russians have taken on board the message that, while the West wishes Russia well and is happy to help with small-scale projects, such as the acclaimed British Know-How fund assisting privatisation and retraining workers, the wider responsibility for reform is borne by their leaders.

The *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* captured the mood of modest expectation in its headline "John Major is expected on a visit which is not likely to become a sensation", while *Izvestia* explained Mr Major's "moral problems, provoked by a number of sensational love and quasi-love scandals", and hoped it would "give him a respite from domestic woes".

Mr Yeltsin is facing a difficult time over foreign policy in the light of criticism from Communists, nationalists and centrists in the parliament that he has become a hostage to Western policies over Bosnia. This is not new, but the prospect of Nato intervention has given his enemies the opportunity to attack again.

His personal authority is being challenged by Mr Chernomyrdin, who won his battle last month to oust the West's favoured reformers, Yegor Gaidar, the economics chief, and Boris Fyodorov, the Finance Minister, from the Cabinet. Last week, when Mr Yeltsin celebrated his 63rd birthday out of the public eye, Mr Chernomyrdin saw fit to gush to Tass: "He received many bunches of flowers. Ours [the government's] was the biggest by far. We could not allow it to be any other way." The obsequiousness of this came over as threatening rather than reassuring. No amount of floral tributes, however gigantic, can hide the fact that Mr Chernomyrdin seems to have his eye on Mr Yeltsin's job.

Few bright young democrats will be on show. Ironically, Mr Major's encounter with an incarnation of fast-track reform will take place in provincial Nizhny Novgorod where he will meet Boris Nemtsov, the energetic young governor. In Moscow, the mood is less appealing. Andrei Illiarionov, who resigned as Mr Chernomyrdin's adviser last week, described the culture in the new Cabinet as being "just like old Communist times".

A host of Gorbachev-era advisers has been appointed, such as Leonid Abalkin, the economist who horrifies the monetarists by stating that he does not consider budget deficits or inflation to be the main indicators of economic health; and Vasili Starodubtsev, chairman of the former Soviet Farmers' Union and a defendant in the trial of the 1991 coup plotters.

☐ Population drops: Russia's population is falling fast as a result of a steep rise in mortality and a drop in birth rates, according to the latest figures. They will be a serious embarrassment to the Yeltsin administration, and will give more ammunition to critics who argue that economic reform and the end of the Soviet Union have brought most Russians nothing but misery (Anatol Lieven writes).

Life expectancy has plummeted to a point where the country now stands alongside Brazil and Algeria. In the course of last year alone, life expectancy for men dropped from 62 years to 59. The death rate last year rose 20 per cent, outstrips the birth rate.

☐ Aircraft mothballed: The Russian Navy is mothballing three of its five aircraft carriers, admitting yesterday that it does not have the resources to keep them afloat. The *Kiev*, from the Northern Fleet, and the *Minsk* and the *Novorossiysk*, from the Pacific Fleet, are still young. The *Kiev* was commissioned in 1975, the *Minsk* in 1978 and the *Novorossiysk* in 1982. *(AP)*

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Commanders meet to iron out differences as plans for Sarajevo air strikes go ahead

Nato clashes with UN on handover of heavy guns

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

URGENT talks went on last night between Nato and United Nations commanders in Bosnia-Herzegovina to ensure a common position on air strikes after an apparent difference of interpretation over how the Serb heavy guns should be controlled.

Nato officials were adamant that all artillery, mortars, tanks and multiple-barrelled rocket-launchers inside the 20-kilometre (12-mile) exclusion zone round Sarajevo had to be withdrawn or placed under UN Protection Force control by midnight on Sunday. Nato officials said "control" meant that Unprofor was in a position to prevent the Serbs from firing the guns at any future time.

The alarm was raised when the message coming out of Sarajevo was that Unprofor might be satisfied with monitoring the guns once the Serbs had disclosed where they were. Lieutenant Colonel Simon Shadbolt, the British deputy commander of Unprofor forces, said the concept of "control" did not mean the Serbs would have to move their weapons. "There are different ways of controlling things than physically to put them inside barbed wire," he said. General Manojlo Milovanovic, chief of staff of the Bosnian Serb army, said the guns, tanks and mortars would be turned over to Unprofor control but would remain in their siege positions. The "negligible" amount of Serb weapons surrendered so far are being supervised by unarmed military observers.

Although Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of Unprofor troops in Bosnia, has maintained a tough line, Nato jumped in quickly yesterday to emphasise that "monitoring" was not good enough.

One official said: "We've had monitoring before when the Serbs just got round that and used the guns when they wanted. Unprofor must be able to prevent these guns from shelling Sarajevo, otherwise we won't have moved forward at all."

The misunderstanding arose as Bosnian Serbs continued turning in weapons yesterday, putting two more under UN control. That brings the total to 28 weapons handed in by the Serbs and ten by the Bosnian government since Thursday. UN officials reported Sarajevo's quietest weekend of the 22-month war, with no reports of people killed or wounded.

However, the United States said it stood by the Nato ultimatum, despite suggestions by UN officials in Sarajevo that Serb forces surrounding the city might be allowed to keep artillery within the exclusion zone after the February 21 deadline.

President Clinton said Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, had asked Nato to take the action it had, adding: "I have no reason to believe there's any difference of opinion." Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, insisted that "the Nato ultimatum is in force. I think the Nato ultimatum stands that guns, weapons that are not under control of UNProfor by the deadline will be potential targets for bombs".

At a non-decision-making session of the UN Security Council in New York, Britain and America affirmed their support for Nato's demand for heavy weapons to be withdrawn. "The objectives of peace cannot be obtained by diplomacy alone. Our diplomacy must be backed by a willingness to use force," Madeleine Albright, the American ambassador to the UN, said. Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador, also emphasised that the warring parties should have "no doubt" about Nato's resolve.

Hesitation by the West or signs of dissension over tactics between Nato and Unprofor would be interpreted as a sign of weakness and exploited by the Serbs who have said they will fight back if attacked.

A Nato official said: "We're not going to play cat and mouse with the Serbs any more. There won't be any half concessions. We intend to stick to our ultimatum." He said talks were going on to "harmonise" the stance taken by Nato and Unprofor to ensure that the Serbs did not have any reason to imagine they could get away with playing off one organisation against the other.

In London, it was announced that Britain will not commit more troops to Bosnia to police the handover of heavy weapons to the United Nations. Downing Street officials pointed to the heavy British presence in the war zone, and said that it was up to other countries to meet requests for more troops to supervise the fragile ceasefire.

Convoy halted, page 1



Coldstream Guards patrolling the road between Vitez and Gornji Vakuf yesterday. It is the only route open for aid supplies to central Bosnia

Suspected Serb war criminal held in Germany

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German authorities have arrested a Bosnian Serb martial arts expert accused of brutally killing prisoners in the infamous Omarska detention camp.

The move, announced by the Federal Prosecution Office yesterday, represented the first arrest of a suspected Serb war criminal outside the territory of former Yugoslavia. The capture of 28-year-old Dusko Tadic was made possible by an oddity in German law that allows for the detention of anyone suspected of involvement in genocide and therefore may not set a precedent for other European countries.

But if the charges can be made to stick the Germans will have given some teeth to the United Nations war crimes tribunal which is slowly taking shape in The Hague.

Mr Tadic was picked up in Bavaria at the weekend. A police guard at the Omarska camp, he left Bosnia after the camp was closed in late 1992, travelled to Sweden and then to Munich, where he reportedly has relatives.

Austrian researchers have questioned some 140 former inmates who later came to Austria as refugees. A comprehensive report of the cruelties committed there and detailed descriptions of the warders was made available to the German prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe.

Mr Tadic, who is formally being held as an "accessory to genocide", is said by former inmates to have bludgeoned prisoners with a rifle butt, knifed and shot them. He may also be charged with murder and grievous bodily harm, according to the prosecutor's office.

When the United Nations Security Council and the UN Commission of Experts started to set up the first war crimes tribunal since Nuremberg they asked Western governments to collect as much testimony as possible from refugees and pass it on to the commission.

Yet few governments have done so. The reason appears to be that, using the Nuremberg model, a war crimes trial can only take place after the war has ended; to do so before might hinder the search for a diplomatic solution. Some key parties among the people necessary to a negotiated settlement have been pinpointed by the US State Department as suspected war criminals, notably Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs.

But as the West shifts away from diplomacy towards military action, such delicacy is no longer required.

British soldiers quail at prospect of foreign grub

BY MICHAEL EVANS

INSTEAD of bangers and mash ladled with gravy, British soldiers serving in Bosnia may have to eat Swedish falukorv and Italian mortadella. The proposed change of diet follows an edict from the United Nations rations department, which wants to cut costs.

Britain, which has 2,300 troops in Bosnia, is the only country with soldiers there that has refused to feed them UN rations. The troops get British Army food and plenty of it. However, the UN is trying to cut costs and wants to streamline the system of providing food.

The British food costs $10 (£6.60) a day per soldier and the money is refunded by the UN. This compares with the UN's $6 a day.

Britain has reluctantly agreed to try the UN food, which is based on a continental and Scandinavian diet. "The food will come from places like France, Germany and Belgium," one aggrieved officer said. The guinea-pigs for the new continental-style rations will be the 250 soldiers based at Tomislavgrad in southwest Bosnia.

The UN has issued a long list of food that will be available. It includes falukorv, a lightly-smoked pork sausage, "without garlic", sardines, herring fillet, squid and halloumi, a Greek cheese, often grilled and served with pitta bread.

Although the list also includes a full range of "more ordinary" food, there is growing apprehension, particularly in Tomislavgrad, that the famous army breakfast of sausages, egg, baked beans, tomatoes, bacon and fried bread will be replaced with a plate of cold meats, cheeses and salad. This was the staple breakfast served up at the United Nations Protection Force headquarters in Kiseljak, central Bosnia, before complaints from British soldiers serving there led to an alternative of eggs and bacon or sausage. At present the lunch and dinner menus at the British camps offer about half a dozen choices. If the UN food system is introduced, there are fears that the choice could be restricted.

The other difficulty is that the British deliver food supplies twice a week, with orders to be booked a week in advance. The UN delivers only once a week and requires orders three weeks in advance. "This will cause storage problems," the spokeswoman said.

The trial in Tomislavgrad will start in April. The forces' spokeswoman said: "Whatever happens, it will still be British chefs cooking the food and there is an arrangement whereby substitutes can be used. So our cooks could use tomato ketchup instead of tomato paste if they want."

Besiegers play at Olympics outside contested capital

FROM TIM JUDAH ON MOUNT JAHORINA ABOVE SARAJEVO

The Olympic flame burned brightly, the flags were raised and Nato warplanes prowled overhead. Just as Nato's high command was working on the last details of plans for air strikes on Serb positions in the mountains round Sarajevo, the Bosnian Serbs were putting those very slopes to different uses. Yesterday they opened the Bosnian Serb Winter Olympic Games.

Blue-clad, blue-lipped schoolgirls shivered while they waited for the signal to burst into song. Lilijana Karadzic, First Lady of the Bosnian Serb republic, kept out the bone-chilling cold with a fur coat. When the speeches were over, the merry group of Serb leaders repaired to a banquet in a hotel near by.

"We didn't want to create a parallel Olympics," Ljubomir Zukovic, the head of the Bosnian Serb National Olympic Committee, "but we wanted to express our distaste at the fact that Serbian sportsmen are not where they should be." Barred by international sanctions, Serbian sportsmen cannot take part in the Lillehammer games — but the world cannot stop them skiing.

Above all, Serb leaders told the crowd, they claimed the right to commemorate the anniversary of the 1984 Sarajevo Olympics. Today the city lies prostrate before their siege guns, some less than a mile away.

Eighty per cent of the facilities and downhill slopes that were used in the 1984 Olympics are in Serb hands. Others, such as the Zetra stadium and the specially built Holiday Inn, can be seen through Serb gunsights on nearby front lines. Mr Zukovic hopes that his winter games will help develop tourism. There is still some way to go. Mount Jahorina's Hotel Bistrica is unheated. That did not stop a few tourists from Serbia taking advantage of cut-price package deals to ski as Sarajevo burned.

Not everyone thinks opening up the slopes is a good idea. One official grumbled that the Serbs were "inviting journalists to write about our surreal life up here while the poor old Muslims are suffering down below". Tomislav Lopatic, a participant today and in the 1984 games, said this argument was silly, since it was plain unfair that his team mates from the city were in Lillehammer but he was not.

It has snowed non-stop for a week. Visibility is poor and the clouds are low. Bad for the Olympians, conceded Mr Zukovic. But he chuckled — since "the Lord above is a Serb" — it was worse for pilots who may launchair strikes.



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'Paid a pittance and out for a good time . . ' **Alice Thomson** reports from the Commons on the personal assistants

Who are the MPs' researchers?

Emily Barr had an evening job posing nude for art classes, but it was the 22-year-old's daytime role as a parliamentary researcher for Hartley Booth, the Conservative MP for Finchley, that brought her to the attention of the tabloid press.

More than 600 personal assistants and researchers work in the hallowed halls of stained glass and green leather at Westminster. Civil servants are vetted rigorously but members, not the House, employ researchers.

With an allowance of only £39,960 to cover all office staff and equipment, MPs can usually afford to pay their researchers only peanuts. Miss Barr was offered £5.50 an hour, 50p more than she earned as a model. Researchers rarely complain about the hours and all they seem to get in return are a few drinks parties, heavy workloads and MPs' suspicious wives breathing down their necks. So why do they do it?

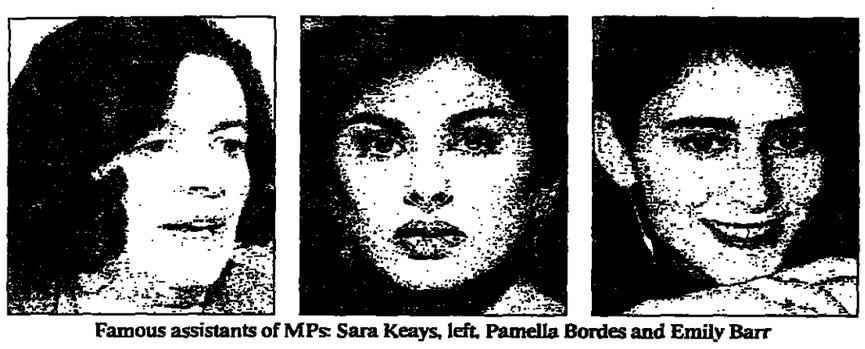
According to Andrew Gifford, director of GJW Government Relations, a lobbying firm, "researchers are relatives, friends, friends of relatives, American exchange students and keen young graduates. Some MPs even pick them up at parties. They are paid a pittance. Often they are there for a short stint only, so they are out for a good time. Oh yes, there is plenty of naughtiness with the researchers."

Pamella Bordes worked as a Commons researcher for MP David Shaw before moving on to greater things. More recently, Louise Hobkinson, a former glamour model, became Tory MP Bill Cash's researcher.

Some big Tory names, including Norman Fowler and Nigel Lawson, met researchers in the House and later married them. Lawson said he first set eyes on his wife Thérèse over the photocopying machine. Cecil Parkinson became famous for *not* marrying his researcher, Sara Keays.

Many are attractive but Miss Hobkinson says that people do not become researchers in an attempt to improve their marriage prospects. She does not consider herself a mere perk and is more concerned with current affairs than love affairs. According to Miss Hobkinson, "most researchers are highly qualified".

She is backed up by Matthew



Famous assistants of MPs: Sara Keays, left, Pamella Bordes and Emily Barr

English, 26, who worked for two Tory MPs in the late 1980s. "A few older Tory MPs sometimes take on a bimbo to boost their career, but it is not an adultery theme park," he says. "Most young people come here because it is so fascinating. They learn all about the parliamentary system, get involved in decision making and are an invaluable aid to MPs in researching Bills. It also looks great on a CV."

Several researchers blamed the hours for turning a working relationship into a more intimate one. "A lot of time is spent in late-night sittings, hanging around bars and travelling to constituencies," said one researcher. "Few MPs can have a proper relationship with their wives. They are tempted by their researchers, who often work at home or in the MPs' London flats."

It is easier for an MP to have an affair with a secretary or researcher because gossip is containable. MPs spend a lot of time floating from one meeting to another. As Silvia Rodgers, wife of Lord Rodgers, said, "Phone the Whip's office any night when your husband is not at home and they will always reassure you that they saw him only a minute ago".

If MPs' hours facilitate fornication, the hothouse environment of Westminster can also encourage it. One of the questions most women asked themselves when they saw pictures of David Mellor with Antonia de Sancha or Miss Barr with Booth was "How could they?"

These men might be bright but they are no spring chickens, nor are there many swans. So what makes them so irresistible? They have got used to being charming, persuasive, attentive and amusing. They know how to put on an act and to a young researcher they appear extremely knowledgeable and well-connected.

The phenomenon of the PA began in the 18th century with landed gentry hiring young Oxford graduates and law students. Edmund Burke worked as a researcher for Lord Rockingham, the Whig leader. Frances Stevenson, Lloyd George's PA and long-time mistress, who joined in 1912, was one of the first women to work in the House and set the rumours going. According to Lloyd George's biographer, John Grigg, "It was very nice for Lloyd George because he could use her job as a cover. She was a real stunner."

But according to the Parliamentary Secretaries and Research Assistants' Council, young women such as Miss Barr have given the parliamentary PA or researcher the wrong image. Stunners are the exception. Many are matronly types, more likely to hit you with a handbag than to be the inspiration for poetry.

There are many researchers, especially those who work for the Labour shadow Cabinet, senior Liberal Democrats and Tory backbench grandees, who are highly qualified, have worked years in the Commons and are expected to act as speechwriter, researcher and think tank. They use their jobs as stepping stones to a career in lobbying, politics or the media. Liberal Democrat MP Matthew Taylor, a researcher for the late MP, David Penhaligon, was adopted for his seat in Truro.

Beryl Goldsmith, assistant to Norman Tebbit and MP Michael Trend and the doyenne of PAs, says: "I most certainly do not accept that there is too much sex in the House of Commons. This is not a whorehouse but a workplace. Do people really think we have time to roll about on the carpet?"

Have a nice blizzard

Ben Macintyre on how a Briton copes with New York storms

RUSTY KENNEDY



Push start: Airports might be closed, the worst storms in a decade might have hit New York, but even so, Americans get to work looking mightily pleased with themselves

As I gaze out across the frozen tundra that was once Manhattan, my cold heart is warmed slightly by the fact that what America would regard as a light dusting of snow has once again plunged southern Britain into hysterical chaos.

The experts have yet to pronounce on whether this is the "wrong kind of snow" and therefore a reasonable excuse for the breakdown of public transport, but right or wrong it is chicken-feed compared with the recent experience of America's East Coast.

I travelled to work today between grey icebergs looming 15 feet high along Sixth Avenue, each one the icy tomb of an unknown vehicle buried by a record snowstorm on Friday, and then gradually iglooed by the city's snow ploughs.

More than a foot of snow landed in Central Park within a few hours on Friday; nearly two feet was dumped on Newark, but that is little consolation. This deluge arrived on the heels of another snowstorm last Tuesday (the eleventh major storm this year) which deposited a mere foot, just to get the city softened up for the big one.

Airports were closed, weather forecasters bragged about the worst storm in a decade and Wall Street bankers took out their cross-country skis and schussed to work looking pleased with themselves.

A three-foot drift barricaded our front door. Like millions of Americans, for whom shovelling snow from the front yard is a sort of bonding national rite, we set to work. The path to the front gate now looks like a bobsleigh run, and we have received a number of compliments from neighbours on our spade work.

The equivalent snow storm in Britain would have prompted a national catastrophe, or at least the fall of the Government and the immediate abolition of British Rail. But in a few hours New York was functioning again.

More than 2,000 snow ploughs went to work, piling the snow into towering roadside walls and thus eliminating jay-walking, while the city took on 1,000 unemployed people as temporary shovellers, or precipitation technicians.

The only long-term damage appeared to be to New Yorkers' love lives, since the floral industry was badly hit in the run-up to Valentine's Day. Local television carried boosting stories about "How the roses got through".

Boston's Chinese New Year parade was postponed, but New York City's Department of Parks and Recreation held its annual winter festival in Central Park and for the first time in years did not have to rely on artificial snow.

"Do you have a story about a nightmare commute in last Friday's 12.8 inch snowstorm?", enquired New York's *Daily News*, anxious to wring the last drop of fortitude out of the weather. The paper offered a "weekend in sunny Florida" as a "Heroic Commuter Award".

I am not sure which is more irritating: Britain's chronic inability to deal effectively with snow, or America's smugness because it can.

"The city still has a tremendous amount of snow," announced Mayor Rudolph Giuliani — a remark presumably aimed at the blind or insensate — "the conditions are not as safe as they appear to be". This was code for "Haven't we done well?"

And just to prove how "Life Must Go On Whatever-the-weather", traffic wardens were ordered to issue tickets to all cars parked illegally, even those under six feet of accumulated snow. Some 961 frozen cars had been towed by yesterday morning. The first rubbish collection for weeks also took place yesterday, as sanitation engineers (dustmen) burrowed down to extract mounds of deep-frozen garbage.

In the past year I have had the opportunity to observe Americans and their weather at close-quarters — pavement-bending summer heat, floods in the Midwest, wind-driven fires and torrential mudslides in Malibu and now the mother of all snowstorms.

The American approach to the elements, I have come to believe, is precisely opposite to our own. Americans expect the weather to go wrong.

When it does, the statisticians gleefully leap forward to offer proof of just how ghastly conditions are while the country, armed with bucket, shovel and mop, enters a period of national resistance, a sort of renewed pioneering spirit.

Psychologists appear on television to advise on "coping techniques" and even New York policemen pretend, briefly, to like you.

In Britain, by contrast, we somehow expect the weather to go right, regardless of the fact that it never does, and when the snow falls, the rain cascades or the sun shines, we greet it with a paralysed dismay, wailing anger and turn, as one, on British Rail.

There is nothing like a blizzard for bringing out the Blitz mentality in America — a nostalgic return to the snows of yesteryear. At the bar of the American Hotel on Long Island, the proprietor happily describes how the principal cause of death when he lived "up north" was from snowmobilers being decapitated by overhead wires as they sped along on 20-foot high banks of snow.

Take heart Britain. The snow may fall and the temperature may drop, but at least you won't have to put up with people being brave about it.

SNOW HEROES

■ Omar Prystowsky chose the height of America's snowstorm last week to make his appearance in the world. He arrived on a sofa in Teaneck, New Jersey, after snow blocked the road to his parents' home. Omar got to hospital a few hours later by tagging along behind a passing snow plough.

■ Another snow-baby nearly made his exit. One-year-old Ryan Critchley would certainly have died under normal weather conditions when he fell out of a second-floor window in nearby Arlington, but instead he landed uninjured in a large snow drift.

■ The hitherto unsung heroes of the hour turn out be creatures known as "Maintainers", men armed with blow torches, leaf-blowers and a peculiar tool which is part broom and part ice-pick, whose job is to remove ice and snow from rail tracks.

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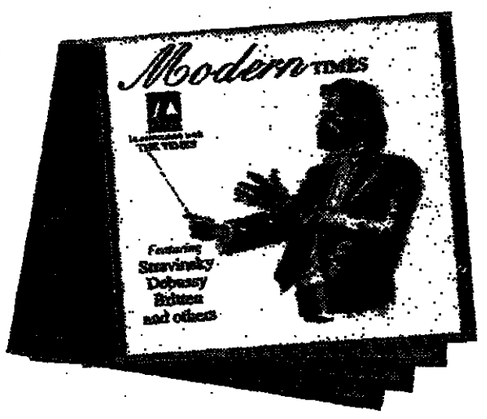
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Annabel Ferriman meets a group dedicated to openness on the subject of donor insemination

ADRIAN BROOKS



"We feel just the same as any other family" — the Merricks with their children, William and Susannah. They decided to tell them the truth gradually as they asked questions

What shall we tell our children?

When Olivia Montuschi's five-year-old son asked the classic question: "Mummy, how does the seed from daddy get to the egg in your tummy?" she took a deep breath and decided that the moment had come.

She had a delicate task to perform. She had to explain to her son, not only the basic facts of life, but that he was different, and, in many ways, special. He was the product of a carefully planned medical procedure — one that has been around for more than a hundred years, but which is not often openly discussed — artificial insemination by donor.

His father, Walter Merricks, had been diagnosed as infertile, probably due to a viral infection in childhood. But both he and his wife, Olivia, still wanted to have children of their own.

"Donor insemination seemed the only option," Ms Montuschi said. "We would be able to go through the whole procedure of pregnancy and childbirth together. And, unlike adoption, the baby would be genetically related to one of us."

At the same time, they took the decision to be open with their child about his origins. "We felt that living a lie with someone you love is not a very satisfactory basis for a relationship," Mr Merrick said. A child's origin is an important piece of information and if you are going to withhold it from him or her, there is going to be a barrier between you.

"We also asked ourselves if it was realistic to think that we could hold a secret like that until the end of our lives. After all, only one marriage in three survives these days. When couples separate, that sort of thing often comes out. Or such information sometimes gets thrown out during rows with children in adolescence."

"We thought it would be much worse if it came out in those circumstances and the child realised that he or she had been deceived. We have learnt, from the experiences surrounding adoption, that it is much better if children know the truth from the beginning," he added.

The Merricks, who live in Highgate, north London, are just one couple out of a growing band of parents, who have used donor insemination (1,500 such babies are born each year) and who believe in being open about it with their friends, relatives and children.

They have set up a group, known as the DI Network, which has a membership of 50 families and which is holding its second meeting in London at the end of next week.

Its members include couples who are thinking about using donor insemination and couples who have already done so, whether because the man has had a vasectomy, is the carrier of a genetic disease, or because, as in the majority of cases, he is infertile from an unknown cause.

Men contemplating using donor insemination are often frightened that they will not love their baby in the normal way, but members of the group can reassure them that when the child arrives, those fears melt away. "We feel just the same as any other family," said Ms Montuschi, who is a counsellor for a voluntary organisation. She and Walter, who is an assistant secretary-general of the Law Society, have two children, William, now ten, and Susannah, seven.

They decided that they would tell their children about their origins, bit by bit, when it seemed appropriate — when they asked questions, for example. Hence, the moment of truth, when William was five.

"If you do not tell them when they first start asking questions, it is easy to let things drift," Ms Montuschi explained.

"Of course, the funny thing is that when you screw up your courage and tell them such a momentous piece of information, they listen without turning a hair, and then ask you what's for tea."

The network grew out of a small, local, self-help organisation of patients attending the Jessop Hospital for Women in Sheffield. It was set up with the help of Dr Sheila Cooke, who runs the hospital's donor insemination clinic — one of the 90 centres licensed by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) for that purpose. She is an advocate of openness, but does not believe in imposing her views on anybody.

"The HFEA says that we should encourage parents to tell their children, but every family is different. Some parents give me reasons why they do not want to tell either their children or their friends and relatives. They sometimes fear that the children's grandparents might treat them differently, for example.

"But I warn parents who do not intend to tell their children, that they will have to keep the secret for a long time, that they may face awkward questions when children have sex education lessons, and that if any of their friends or relatives know, they may hear about it from them."

Recognising the difficulties some parents have had in telling their children the truth, two members of the Jessop group decided to write a book for children, explaining the process by which they came to be born. The result was *My Story*, which has now sold more than 2,000 copies in Britain and abroad.

As couples heard about the book and wrote in for copies, Dr Cooke realised that there was a nucleus for a national, rather than a local, self-help group. She invited five families up to Sheffield and they formed a steering group. The BBC filmed the discussions and the resulting documentary attracted letters from about 150 families. Their first full meeting was last October.

Dr Cooke points out that as the children get older they might well want to know more about their genetic fathers, the sperm donors. But as the law stands, they will not be able to do so, although a register of donors is kept. "But if the pressure builds up, the law may be changed to enable future generations to do so, though no change will be retrospective."

Jane Offord, an infant teacher from Sheffield and one of the co-authors of *My Story*, said: "The group helps to reduce the isolation that people suffer. Our members want public attitudes to change so that donor insemination comes to be seen as just another way of having a much-wanted baby."

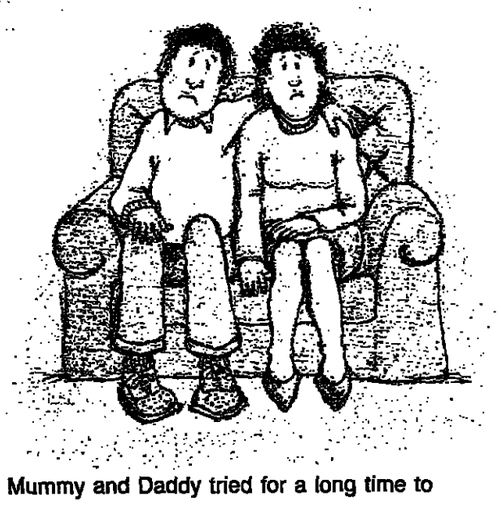
Mrs Offord, who is a Methodist lay preacher, believes that couples who use donor insemination often feel isolated because male infertility is a taboo subject. "When a woman is infertile, she gets sympathy, but, very often, when a man is infertile, he is ridiculed."

Neither she nor the Merricks have encountered any hostility when they have told people the situation, but they both know others who have had problems. "Within the Catholic Church, I know of couples who have been upset by the reaction from their priests," said Mrs Offord.

Some couples have encountered hostility from schoolteachers. "In one case," said Mr Merricks, the teacher was about to tackle sex education, and one of our members asked whether the subject of donor insemination could be included, but the teacher refused."

The Merricks and other group members are hoping that by speaking out, the subject will become more accepted. "We hope that in years to come, when our children make friends at college, they will be able to tell people about their origins, without it causing undue shock or horror."

For information about the DI Network write to PO Box 265, Sheffield. Tel: 081-341 0406



Mummy and Daddy tried for a long time to have a baby and they were very sad when no baby began to grow.

Explanation for the very young: a page from *My Story*

Keep Prozac for the sick

A useful drug is under fire, even though it can bring new hope to those suffering from depression

Just as a hurricane can be heard before it strikes, so the scattered reports in the press on Dr Peter Kramer's book, *Listening to Prozac*, give warning of the uproar it will cause when it arrives in British bookshops in April.

Dr Kramer, a writer and psychiatrist, has annoyed the medical establishment by, it is claimed, basing his hypothesis of the reaction to the drug on the results from only a few selected patients — most of whom found it very effective — without any scientific research.

Dr Kramer has also alienated the psychotherapeutic lobby in the United States by publicising a drug which can apparently achieve more in two or three weeks towards restoring a patient's mental health than psychotherapists can manage in years.

And he has found little favour with the drug's manufacturer, Eli Lilly. The company sees Prozac as an important advance in the treatment of depression because it is as effective and fast-acting as other antidepressants, but has fewer distressing side-effects. The reason for its lack of toxicity is that Prozac has a different mode of action (inhibiting the reuptake of 5-hydroxytryptamine, or 5-HT, which determines mood) to the more commonly prescribed tricyclic antidepressants.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Eli Lilly says the phrase "cosmetic pharmacology", coined by Dr Kramer in his book, is inaccurate and trivialises the problem of depression and the contribution which Prozac has made to its treatment.

Dr Kramer's phrase has, it is suggested, also led readers to believe that Prozac can create a new personality. In the same way that a cosmetic surgeon might offer somebody a more alluring nose, so readers believe psychiatrists in the future will be able to provide the necessary drugs to reconstruct a patient's temperament.

But a better comparison of the action of antidepressants, including Prozac, is with the work of a picture restorer. The restorer doesn't paint a new picture, but only returns an old canvas to its former character. Likewise, antidepressants lift depression so that a patient's original personality is again exposed, and with it their sense of well-being and dynamism is renewed.

The 5-HT reuptake inhibitors are useful for treating some of the less-recognised symptoms of depression, as well as dealing with the feelings of hopelessness, guilt, and misery.

Unfortunately, no drug is without side-effects. The tricyclic antidepressants can cause tiredness, shaking, dry mouth, irritating cough, hunger, constipation and, in older men, a difficulty in passing urine. But these are relatively trivial compared with the risk of fatal heart problems when taken in overdose — remember that almost by definition depressed patients have suicidal tendencies and risk overdose.

Although 5-HT reuptake inhibitors appear to have no adverse effects on the heart, they do have other side-effects. They can cause restlessness and insomnia, rather than the over-sedation of the tricyclics, and whereas tricyclics boost appetite and cause weight gain, Prozac can lower appetite and cause weight loss, as well as indigestion. Finally, most modern antidepressants may be so effective that a patient who is subject to wild mood swings could, if not carefully supervised, suffer hypomania. The drugs don't create the mania, they precipitate it in an already vulnerable patient.

Contrary to scientifically unsubstantiated reports in the press that Prozac could be used as a recreational drug to provide a "quick kick", it takes two to three weeks to alter 5-HT levels and hence mood. This also makes it non-addictive.

Patients may, however, be reluctant to give the drug up because without it they would lapse back into clinical depression. Recent research has also shown that in the past doctors have tended to treat depression for too short a time, so the patients may be right.

Depression severe enough to warrant treatment affects 3 per cent of men and 7 per cent of women in the UK. Their treatment shouldn't be put in danger by unproven claims of people whose reaction to Prozac, and similar drugs, is probably no more than a measure of their own instability.

Why we know so little about male infertility

MALE infertility is a neglected area of medicine, partly because of the hoary old belief that when a couple cannot produce a child, it is the woman's "fault" — a myth that has been a long time dying.

In fact, male infertility accounts for about a quarter to a third of all childless couples, meaning that almost half a million men have fertility problems.

"Our knowledge of male reproductive physiology is 20 years behind our understanding of female fertility," according to Professor Robert Aitken of the Medical Research Council's reproductive biology unit in Edinburgh.

"There is no clinical discipline to deal with it. If you are a woman, you go to see a gynaecologist, but there is no one for a man to go to. Often men are sent to gynaecologists, who are not trained in andrology (the study of male fertility) or they are sent to urologists, who know a lot about kidneys, but know little about human reproduction."

He and other experts would like to see a sub-speciality of andrology developed, to ensure that men with fertility problems are seen by someone with an understanding of the subject.

Dr Christopher Ford, senior research fellow at Bristol University's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, believes some men are being wrongly diagnosed as infertile, when they could father a child, just because the discipline is new and underdeveloped. "The usual method of diagnosis is by a semen analysis: counting the number of sperm and checking their motility and morphology [movement and shape].

"But the British Andrology Society (BAS) did a pilot control exercise with 20 laboratories recently. It showed a big disparity between the laboratories. What one laboratory called abnormal, another might say was normal.

"Some people are undoubtedly being misdiagnosed. This is a matter of legitimate concern. If a man is labelled infertile, which is largely untreatable at present, it has big implications. He and his partner might become reconciled to it, or they might adopt a baby or choose donor insemination. These are big steps to take and should be taken on the basis of a reliable test.

"In the BAS, we are organising educational courses to train people to do semen analysis properly. We would like to see quality control systems introduced and a system of laboratory accreditation. This is happening with pathology laboratories, all of which will have to be accredited by 2000. We want andrology laboratories to be part of the process.

"We would like to see GPs thumping the table and demanding a good service, with a reliable standard to tests. Because of the lack of laboratory standardisation, men often have to repeat the test. Specialist centres will not always accept the results from the district general hospital. Patients often object to that."

> Sadly, most men who discover that they are subfertile are offered no medical solutions

Professor Aitken says: "The real tragedy about male infertility is that we do not know the causes." There are a few well-defined conditions which cause problems, such as Kallman's Syndrome, in which sufferers do not produce enough gonadotrophic hormone; mumps and other infections, which can affect sperm production; injury to the testes and chemotherapy for cancer.

Men may also produce antibodies to their own sperm or they may have a blockage in the vas deferens, the tube that leads from the testes to the penis. But in the majority of cases, the cause is unknown.

"It is misleading, in many ways, to talk about fertility and infertility, because it is a continuum," Professor Aitken adds. "If a subfertile man marries a very fertile woman they may well have children, but if he marries someone who is also subfertile, it will be difficult. The exception is azoospermia, where the man does not produce any sperm at all, but that accounts for less than 5 per cent of cases."

Although steroids can be given in cases where men produce antibodies to their own sperm and surgery can unblock the vas deferens, in most cases, nothing can be done. Men are often advised to wear loose underwear and keep the testes cool because that is supposed to boost sperm production, but some doctors are sceptical about the value of such advice.

Research shows that sperm counts in men are falling. No one knows the reason but certain theories have been put forward. Work carried out in Edinburgh and Copenhagen suggests that it is due to increased exposure to oestrogens in the womb, since these hormones are common nowadays in farming, pharmaceuticals and the water supply, but sperm levels are still high enough in most cases to produce fertility.

SOME scientists believe that male infertility may be helped by taking high-dose Vitamin E tablets. When free radicals in the blood react with lipid molecules, they can cause a chain reaction which is thought to damage the sperm membrane. Doctors think that high levels of Vitamin E might be able to interrupt that chain reaction. Clinical trials are about to begin in Dr Ford's department in Bristol, subject to consent of the ethical committee.

But such trials are in their early stages. So for the moment, most men who discover that they are subfertile are offered no medical solutions. Consequently if they want to have children, they and their partners are likely to opt for either adoption or donor insemination.



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Why we must fight for the Baltics

Mr Hurd need not appease Moscow, writes **Anatol Lieven**

On his visit to the Baltic states this week, Douglas Hurd could start bringing some clarity to Western policy towards the former Soviet Union.

Underlying much of the West's approach to Russian expansionism is a misconception: that it is a direct continuation of Soviet communist ambitions. Stoked by the understandable fears of East Europeans, there has been intense Western discussion of the potential threat to Poland and Hungary, and about whether the West should immediately allow them into Nato.

But this is a red herring. Not one serious Western analyst I know thinks that Russia in the next generation or two will pose a direct threat to Poland. First, the decayed Russian armed forces are in no condition to launch a massive foreign campaign. Second, to pose a realistic strategic threat to Poland, Russia would first have to overcome Ukraine.

In many areas of the former Soviet Union, by contrast, numerous factors are working for an expansion of Moscow's influence or even rule: the economic and military weakness of the new states, and their dependence on Russian oil and raw materials; the support of local former Soviet élites, and the presence of large and discontented Russian minorities.

Finally, there is no ideological or emotional basis for a Russian attempt to take over Eastern Europe. Even among radical nationalists and communists here, the talk is only of restoring the Russian empire, or the Soviet Union within its old borders, or of creating a Slavic federation including Ukraine, Byelorussia and most of Kazakhstan. For its part, the Yeltsin administration is aiming at a more indirect, "neo-colonial" hegemony over the same area. No one is talking of gaining control of Poland.

By contrast, in some of the republics of the former Soviet Union there is a very real threat of Russian dominance today and possibly outright conquest in future, if Zhirinovsky or some other radical imperialist comes to power. So how far should the West go in resisting Russian expansionism within the Soviet region?

The West should try to prevent the outbreak of war and the growth of barbarism and instability, on grounds of morality and self-interest. Above all, this means trying to prevent the appearance of a fascist regime in Russia. It does not necessarily mean resisting moves to restore Russian hegemony over most of the former Soviet Union, for in many cases this does not threaten Western moral or material commitments, whereas Russia sees its own vital interests as involved.

The West has already effectively recognised this in its attitude to Tajikistan, the Transcaucasus and Moldova. In each of these cases, Russian troops and arms have been used either directly or indirectly to back one side in a local conflict, and to force Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova to accept membership of the Commonwealth of Independent States and a measure of Russian hegemony. For their part, Byelorussia and other states have re-entered the Russian fold of their own accord.

This leaves two major areas still resisting Russian pressure: Ukraine and the Baltic States. In recent weeks, following the Russian government's swing to conservative positions and a deeply pessimistic CIA report on Ukraine, there has been talk in Washington of the Clinton Administration making this "the year of Ukraine" by strengthening Ukraine against Russia.

But a real commitment to back Ukraine would take billions of dollars in aid even, if Ukraine itself were capable of implementing economic reform, which it clearly is not. Nor does the idea of a Western security guarantee to Ukraine within its present borders carry the slightest credibility, especially after the Bosnian débâcle. *Mourir pour Donetsk?*

That leaves the Baltic states. Unlike Poland, the Balts are potentially directly threatened by Russia. Unlike Ukraine, they can be defended by the West, and have received repeated promises of Western support. This is because of their history as independent states before 1940, and because they are culturally a part of the West in a way that Ukraine is not. Their economic reforms have been relatively successful. For the West to fail the Balts in the face of Russian aggression would be shameful.

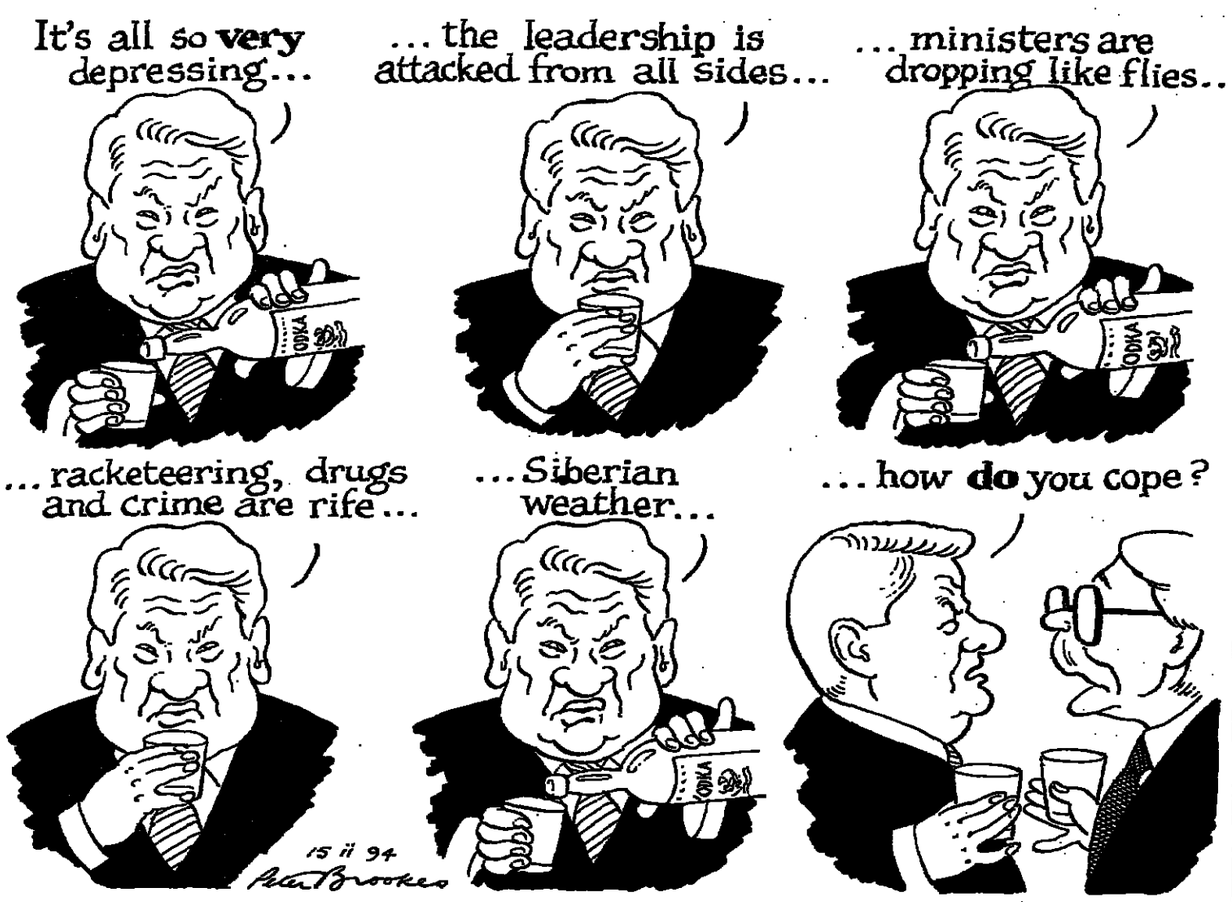
> Above all, we must resist fascism in Russia

The West has treated the Balts as exceptions to the post-Soviet rule, and so has Yeltsin. Elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, Russian troops are staying put, but the troops left Lithuania last year, and under Western pressure they are expected to leave Estonia and Latvia this year. Moscow has protested loudly about Baltic policies towards the ethnic Russian minorities, but there is no sign of Moscow trying to foment ethnic revolt.

Douglas Hurd's visit this week is a welcome sign of Western interest, but it does not go nearly far enough. Forty minutes each with the three Baltic foreign ministers, followed by a working lunch, is hardly enough to scratch the surface.

Western diplomats have not yet developed a coherent strategy for the Baltics, either to give them security or to protect the rights of the local Russians, especially in Latvia. In this context, Mr Hurd's failure to meet local Russian representatives is regrettable. It signals to the local Russians that the West is not interested in their fate, and that they had better look to Moscow for support instead.

If there is a future intervention by Russia in the Baltic states, it will result from some dispute involving the local Russian population. To help the Balts and head off future problems, we should be encouraging everyone in the Baltic states to look to the West for help — and that should mean the Baltic Russians as well.



Martyred for his faith

The perversion of Islam in Iran is now leading to the killing of Christians

Bernard Levin

The torture and murder of Bishop Haik Hovsepian-Mehr, the leading figure of the Christian community in Iran (called the Assemblies of God), took place almost immediately after he had worked hard and publicly to save Mehdi Dibaj from execution (the sole crime committed by Dibaj being that he had become a Christian). Of course, the obvious conclusion may not be the right one; Bishop Haik walked always in the shadow of violent death, because of his religion, but probably that fact, together with his succour of Dibaj, was enough; at least we can safely say that he was tortured and murdered because he was a Christian and for the support he was always ready to give to his brother and sister Christians.

Who actually did the murder, and at whose behest, is of course unknown, and the Iranian authorities have been going to considerable lengths to make sure that it will remain unknown. It is not necessary to believe that it was those very authorities who did it or who hired the assassin, although it is most likely; in a bandit state like Iran, where such mad savages as the late Ayatollah Khomeini rule, there would have been no shortage of offers. (The blank refusal of an autopsy must be significant, even conclusive.)

Bishop Haik had fallen foul of the Iranian authorities more than once. Last year, he publicly appealed to the United Nations to investigate the countless and dreadful abuses of human rights practised on evangelical Christians in Iran. These abuses include the closures of evangelical churches and of the Bible Society of Iran, imprisonment without charge, torture and execution. (Another signal of this very remarkable Christian was the bishop's response to the closure of the Bible Society: naturally, he mourned the extinction of such a Christian landmark, but he was also deeply unhappy for the Iranian Jews, who had been getting their Old Testaments from the Bible Society. Naturally, when the Bible Society was closed, they, too, had lost the sacred books of their religion. It is not only the Christians who suffer from persecution of their faiths.)

Responding to his plea, the UN appointed a special envoy, Professor Reynaldo Galindo-Pohl, to examine these charges. His report, promulgated in November last year, was damning, and even the Iranian rulers felt that they must do something to hide the abuses they practise. They therefore brought pressure upon all the non-Muslim faiths in Iran, demanding of them the signing of a declaration to the effect that none of them was in any way oppressed in the matter of religion and its beliefs and practices, that they had all the rights of Iranian citizens, and that there was no pressure from the government in the matter of religion. They also had to declare that they would not proselytise Muslims.

Almost all the representatives of the non-Muslim churches, together with the Jews, signed the document, and no wonder, considering the fate they rightly feared.

But, along with one Christian Brethren church, the Assemblies of God, headed by Bishop Haik, would not sign. The bishop had been a marked man for a very long time: refusing his signature, it must be assumed, was the signal for his death. (Ironically, the Iranian powers had long maintained a permanent 24-hour surveillance of the bishop, his wife and his visitors; how then could an unauthorised assassin get close enough to the bishop to commit the crime?) As I say, the Iranian authorities, even if their own hands are not bloodied, will do nothing to help find the culprit. Most likely, the search for the killer will fade and die (unless, I suppose, someone takes it into his head to murder Bishop Haik's family as well).

But such a man, though he be dead, cannot be forgotten. And as it happens, he left his own testament. The day before he vanished, never to be seen alive again, he wrote a "Letter to Friends", and I have a copy. I think it worth quoting.

"Praise the Lord for all his victories! Brother Dibaj has just arrived in our house. Tonight there were more than 50 young zealous Christians in our house. They had heard that Dibaj was coming to our house. When Dibaj entered the house all believers started to sing 'In the Name of Jesus, we have the victory'. This was the best salutation they could offer to to our hero. Brother Dibaj told me about the details of his case... However, all Chistians are happy and are congratulating one another. They have got the feeling that perhaps no other Muslim convert will be executed merely for his beliefs, in Iran. They feel that this... will bring many people to Christ... As I mentioned previously... we should keep in mind... the persecutions that other converts are going through... here I want to mention a few of them.

"Three church buildings have been closed down by the authorities in the cities of Ahwaz, Kerman and Gorgan. The first and second belong to the Episcopals of Iran and the third one to the Assemblies of God. In those cities . . . Christians cannot hold house meetings. Several times they have been warned and threatened . . . In the city of Meshed, the city where Rev Hossein Soodmand was hanged [for professing the Christian faith], Brother Mohammad Sepehr is pastoring the small group of Christians . . . Last week one Security Police officer has ordered him to leave the city . . . According to Iran's constitution, no Iranian should be forced to leave his house or birthplace . . . In the city of Kermanshah, some of the Kurdish converts of that city have been beaten badly. Some of them have been hanged from the roof and beaten with a cable. One young man came to me with his arm broken under severe tortures . . .In the city of Gorgan, one young man by the name of Hasan who had become a Christian four years ago was beaten by three interrogators from 3 pm to 12 pm . . .

"The reason for writing these things is that if those enemies of the Cross continue their new strategy of persecution, we may lose all our converts . . . I know it is playing with fire but I am ready to die for the cause of the church so that others will be able to worship their Lord peacefully and without so much fear . . . However, please pray with us that the Lord will solve all other problems . . ."

Before his murder, the bishop said: "I am ready to die for the cause of the church so that others will be able to worship their Lord peacefully and without so much fear." I don't know if others will indeed be able to worship peacefully and without so much fear, and for that matter I cannot be certain that the Lord will solve all other problems, though I do not doubt that he could if he would. But for Bishop Haik, all earthly problems are over, not just the problem of who killed him. Nevertheless, this evil satrapy of Iran should be called to account over the murder of the bishop, even though such denunciation would be ignored by the country's rulers.

Sometimes I wonder whether this *is* the 20th century. Assuming that it is, do you not think it strange — quite extraordinarily strange — that in ordinary discourse, we have begun to refer to "martyrs", and are talking not about people who lived and died many hundreds of years ago, but people who died a few weeks ago. But what other word could we use in considering the death of Bishop Haik? If he is not a martyr, who were those people who died in the Roman arena rather than reject Christ as their saviour? (And remember that many less prominent Iranian Christians have also died martyrs.)

For the thousandth time, I tell you that I am not a Christian, though for the life of me I couldn't say what I am, if anything. (Probably nothing.) But when I examine the abbreviated life of Bishop Haik, and consider the sacrifice he said he would be willing to undergo, *whereupon the very next day he was called to undergo it*, I begin to think that at least 'There's a divinity that shapes our ends, / Rough-hew them how we will.'

That, though, does not take in the Iranian authorities, much less the Iranian perversion of the Muslim faith. I am tempted to ask — no, I *shall* ask — how insubstantial must the grasp on a religion be, if it has to be propped up by hangings and woundings and beatings and murderings? True, in centuries gone by, our forebears burnt heretics at the stake, or stretched them on the rack, or threw them into dungeons for the rest of their lives, all for the faith. But that is the point, surely? We are *not* in centuries gone by, but in *this* century, and very shortly we shall be in the next; how many more centuries have to pass for the mullahs of Iran to believe their own religion?

A memorial service for Bishop Haik will be held at 7.30 pm on February 17 in Westminster Central Hall.

The high price of schooling

Tory voters are overstretched, says **Margot Norman**

For a true measure of discontent among its natural constituents, the Conservative Party should take a close look at those who pay school fees, and ask itself a few questions. Why, after 15 years of educational reforms supposedly designed to improve state schools, do the parents of 600,000 children think it necessary to take on a massive financial burden that has until this year been increasing faster than their other financial burdens — at around 10 per cent a year? Why did the independent sector expand by 10 per cent between 1983 and 1992, and why do the latest figures from the Independent Schools Information Service show that it has lost fewer than 2 per cent of its pupils to the recession?

The answer is that those natural Tory voters regard a private education not as a luxury but as a necessity, because they don't believe the Government has made good its promises on improving the State system. People don't choose to make financial sacrifices on that scale unless they perceive them to be necessary. Their continental friends don't perceive that necessity: no doubt this has something to do with the fact that two-thirds of French children leave school with the *Brevet* in ten serious subjects, almost as many German children pass their *Realschulabschluss* in five serious subjects, but (according to that tenacious education statistician, Dr John Marks) only 9 per cent of our state school children pass GCSE in the five core subjects of English, maths, French, history or geography and a science.

How will these people vote when, having paid the school fees by dint of cutting out all luxuries and moving to a cheaper house, they find it is Tory tax increases that finally make it impossible to fund the necessity of private schooling? More than 80 per cent of them pay the fees out of income, and only 4 per cent get any financial help from relatives, so an airy "Piffle" from Kenneth Clarke won't stop them feeling aggrieved.

Nor will the misleading headlines about social class over some of last week's reports on the latest poll of parents. Those whose earnings are above the threshold for assisted places but below £40,000 are being squeezed out, but this does not mean, as some have suggested, that independent school parents are reverting to the traditional upper-middle-class type. On the contrary, the typical parent now is a meritocrat who believes that his or her success in life can be put down to a grammar school education. Where, such a parent asks, is that sort of disciplined learning to be found today?

More than half the children in independent schools come from families in which both parents were themselves State-educated. That proportion has increased steadily since 1979 and sharply in the past four years. Snobbery has nothing to do with their choice: they simply want their children to have an education as good as or better than their own, and conclude that the State does not offer it. As the poll shows, they do not just blindly assume that it is impossible to get what they want without paying for it. Parents shop around. They send for a clutch of prospectuses, see what's available in both the public and private sectors, and are prepared to switch their children between the two at different stages of their education. They won't punish themselves financially if there's a good sixth-form college within reach.

If by a classless society John Major means a meritocracy, then Britain has become more of one than he might suppose. The 35-year-old who followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps to an old-fashioned, second-rate public school, where he excelled more on the rugger pitch than in the classroom, has simply not done well enough to pay fees for his own children.

Thirty years ago, a typical London-based professional man earned the present-day equivalent of around £82,400, lived in a house in Chelsea and could comfortably afford to send his daughter to Benenden (fees £525, or £5,407 in today's money) and his son to Eton (fees £492, or £5,068 in today's money) without expecting his wife to make a contribution. Today that same professional man, who needs to be abler than his predecessor to achieve the same eminence in a race open to a much wider field, earns around £50,000, lives in a house in Clapham with a mortgage that would make mid-1960s man gasp, and has a wife who works just as hard as he does but earns very much less. Since 1963, the fees for Benenden and Eton have considerably more than doubled in real terms.

Then there are the university bills which parents didn't have to pay in the days of real grants. Allowing 10 per cent a year for fee inflation, it costs £440,000 to get a child through from infancy to the end of medical school by way of the top boarding schools, and £350,000 by way of the top day schools.

Clearly neither the traditional Tory voter nor the Thatcher convert is going to switch allegiance on the basis of Labour's plans for independent schools. But what if those voters decide that, unlike the Conservatives the Labour Party really means what it says about improving state schools?

Plum job spurned

DISGRUNTLED might be going too far, but certainly fans of the late, and indisputably great P.G. Wodehouse will be far from gruntled by news that the Queen Mother has turned down an invitation to become patron of Britain's Wodehouse Society.

The refusal is not for lack of interest — Her Majesty is, after all, something of an aficionado when it comes to Jeeves, Blandings *et al*, having been a member of the American Wodehouse Society since 1988 and a regular recipient of its quarterly newsletter, *Plum Lines*. But as her staff explained to society founder Richard Morris, she is already a patron (or equivalent) of nearly 400 societies, and does not want any additional responsibilities.

However, the Queen Mother does give her wholehearted backing to the new society (founded last year to "promote the prose and lyricism of P.G. Wodehouse and act as a clearing house for all news about The Master"). "Queen Elizabeth bids me to convey her best wishes to the Members," writes her Treasurer, Major Sir Ralph Amstruther. "And at the same time assure them that Her Majesty shares their admiration and affection for the works of The Master."

So the search for a suitable patron continues. Hot tips following the royal refusal are those strolling Wodehousians Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie.

● *There just aren't enough letters in the alphabet, according to Dr Philip Maini, a maths tutor at Brasenose College, who is setting one of this year's papers in applied maths at Oxford. The problem is the paper's burgeoning number of options. Having exhausted the Roman alphabet, Maini is already half way through the Greek alphabet — and is going strong. "I suppose in an emergency we could move on to the Chinese alphabet, but the problem is that no one would understand it."*

All out of love

A SADDER place, the House of Commons, after the resignation of Tory MP Hartley Booth from his PPS's job; a wiser place too, perhaps, following his advice yesterday to fellow MPs that they should avoid temptation. And certainly, Westminster is a less romantic place following the scandals that have dogged John Major.

The Palace of Westminster's postal service, which deals with some 40,000 letters a day, reported a dismally low number of pink envelopes and Valentine's cards yesterday. "There were very very few. We certainly couldn't say we were inundated," says a source.

Fewer than last year was the consensus in the House of Commons, to the disappointment of Edwina Currie, the MP-turned-pulp-novelist who received 50 red roses from an admirer yesterday. "I think everyone's being extra cautious now," she said. "What a shame. I have nothing against love. Or love poems."

● *Washington FC found themselves on the wrong end of a whitewash last week, losing to Barrow Labour Club by the narrow margin of 31-0. But the club is not taking defeat well and is making a formal complaint to the Football Association locally. "They maintain that the match overran considerably," says Gary Fraser, club secretary of the Barrow-in-Furness Sunday League. "But I think they are clutching at straws don't you?" Well, it clearly wasn't a game of two halves.*

Best foot forward

IS London ready to waltz? News that the Cystic Fibrosis Trust plans to hold a Viennese Ball in November may cause more than a little anxiety among those who stumble through polite society with two left feet. But help is at hand. The ticket price for the ball includes dancing lessons for those who wish to polish their polonaises or mug up on their minuets.

Pat Feltham, fundraising administrator of the trust and vice-chairman of the ball committee, says: "They're for anyone who wants to come to the ball and feels a bit rusty. We are actually hoping to get some professional dancers from Vienna to open the ball, so that we can at least see how it *ought* to be done!"

However, the Austrian Ambassador Dr Georg Hennig, who is a patron of the event, is confident. "We organised a Viennese ball in Tokyo a couple of years back, and the Japanese didn't have any problems with the dancing. It's become a tradition there now."

Writer blocked

ANDREW DAVIES has finally come unstuck. The man who brought the words of Michael Dobbs and George Eliot so memorably alive with his adaptations of *To Play the King* and *Middlemarch* has just had a Hollywood screenplay rejected.

Davies had been commissioned by a Danish production company to write a screenplay of the life of Russian poet Vladimir Mayakovsky. The project attracted the attention of Hollywood director Taylor Hackford, whose credits include *An Officer and a Gentleman*, starring Richard Gere.



Hackford, however, decided that Davies's effort was not quite up to scratch. "I'm very disappointed," says a chastened Davies. "But it's absolutely routine in the business. In Hollywood people make a very good living writing scripts that never get made. But I can't help feeling a little upset."

What's in a name?

CYNICS are out in force at the BBC as it gears up for its much-vaunted new current affairs programme *Here and Now*, a sort of *Nationwide* Mark II, to be presented by the grizzled *Panorama* veteran Tom Mangold, among others.

Journalists at the corporation say it is protesting too much about parallels with *Nationwide*, which gained notoriety for its footage of skate-boarding ducks. But there are also claims that Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, initially rejected *Here and Now* as a title. The BBC then spent considerable time and money on researching other titles before reviving it.

Not so says a spokesman: "We never ruled it out as a possibility."

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ART OF MEMORY

Schindler's List will strengthen memory of the Holocaust

Almost half a century after the liberation of the concentration camps, the relationship between the Holocaust, art and the imagination remains a troubled one. Some have argued that the possibility of art of any kind was diminished forever by the genocide of the Jews. "No poetry after Auschwitz," wrote Adorno. Others, such as the concentration camp survivor Primo Levi, have claimed more narrowly that the Holocaust is unrepresentable and that the incapacity of the imagination to grasp its horrors was an important aspect of its uniqueness.

These concerns have been raised once again by Steven Spielberg's new film *Schindler's List*, based on a novel by Thomas Keneally, which opens this week and will be fully reviewed in *The Times* on Thursday. Most works which have emerged from the Holocaust have been documentary and, in many cases, highly cerebral. Primo Levi's books *If this is a Man* and *The Truce* are perhaps the most celebrated accounts of the camps and their aftermath, though millions of young readers are still introduced to the subject via *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Bruno Bettelheim's masterwork *The Informed Heart*, based on his years in Dachau and Buchenwald, employs psychoanalytic theory to try to make sense of the senseless and to draw general lessons about human behaviour and totalitarianism from a *sui generis* event.

The first phase of Holocaust memory has been a process of meticulous information-gathering, analysis and record-keeping. To fictionalise a horror of this scale is an entirely different enterprise. Most attempts to do so have been unsuccessful, notably the 1979 television series *Holocaust* which was little more than a soap opera draped over history. As if instinctively, novelists and film-makers have tended to shy away from a subject they sense defies the conventions of story-telling.

Yet self-imposed artistic taboos cannot last forever. As time passes, so the imagination must gradually be permitted greater access to events which have remained off limits. *Schindler's List* does not abuse this trust. Though it tends to sentimentalise Schindler's character and achievement, Spielberg's film treats its subject matter with appropriate awe and incomprehension. Its ambition is not to reduce the Holocaust to cinematic melodrama but to prolong its impact upon the popular imagination. It will force every person who sees it to confront the most important event of the 20th century.

The immediacy of this task should not be underestimated. Holocaust denial is spreading more virulently than ever before — most alarmingly so among revisionist historians who have given specious force to the worst prejudices of resurgent right-wing extremism.

But indifference is the true child of time. As decay comes to the indisputable physical proofs of the Holocaust — the hair, for example suffused with the gas of Auschwitz — so new ways of preserving its memory must be explored. It is important that the first major Hollywood film on this subject should have been a sincere one. Against the flood of forgetting, *Schindler's List* will strengthen the dam of memory.

A LOTTERY OF MONEY

The government should beware of allowing profits without risk

In the coming months the Director General of the National Lottery will decide on who should hold a newly-created state monopoly. If Peter Davis's choice to run the national lottery commands respect, he will bring a certain benefit to the nation and, probably, a political triumph for the Government. If he ignores key economic and political issues, he risks doing the opposite.

The main reason for creating the national lottery has always been that it would generate large sums of money for the arts, sport and other good causes. Only on this basis could a government justify the substantial, albeit voluntary, redistribution of wealth that any lottery is bound to produce. Preliminary estimates suggest the lottery could eventually collect around £5 billion a year or £200 per household. After half the revenues were paid out as prize-money, the average net cost of the lottery to every household in Britain might be around £100 a year. Such sums, comparable to the cost of the BBC licence fee, are easily big enough to generate political trouble if there were a hint of them being misapplied.

The main question Mr Davis must now answer is whether a part of this voluntary poll tax should be paid as profit to shareholders in the lottery-management firm. This question arises because one of the eight bidders, the Lottery Foundation, sponsored by Richard Branson and Lord Young, would put all of its profits into the charities the lottery was set up to serve. Assuming technical competence and financial integrity in the Branson-Young bid — and its backers include some of the most distinguished names in communications, computing, marketing and banking — Mr Davis will need strong counter-arguments if he decides to hand over to one of the other consortia a risk-free, state-sponsored profit of perhaps £100 million a year.

The Branson-Young approach does not reject the profit motive. In fact it emphasises managerial incentives to motivate the people running the lottery. What it questions is the need to remunerate passive shareholders in the lottery management firm. In normal private companies, shareholders earn profits for bearing commercial risks. In the National Lottery the commercial risks will be minimal because of its monopoly rights.

The government need not, in principle, have created a monopoly. Had there been competition among lotteries, there would have been genuine commercial risk and deserved profits for the successful operators. But competition would also have reduced the excitement of a truly national event. It would also have driven up the share of revenues spent on prize money and hence defeated the core purpose of the lottery, which is to raise funds for good causes, not to deliver maximum value for money to those playing the games.

The public will quickly sense that the National Lottery is more akin to a mechanism for collecting taxes than an ordinary business — and profits from it will be resented. This resentment could well turn the lottery into a party political issue — and market research suggests it might also deter people from playing, thereby further damaging the charitable causes. Mr Davis may argue that profits for the lottery managers were "earned" through marketing ingenuity, financial probity or technological prowess. But his subjective judgment will inevitably be hard to substantiate. A national monopoly lottery is a true "license to print money". In the absence of real competition, ministers will have a tough task persuading the public that profits reserved for shareholders would be justified.

OF BALLOTS AND BUTHELEZI

South Africa is playing with electoral fire

The deadline for political parties to register for April's elections in South Africa has now passed, and nearly 20 parties have done so. But there are notable, and dangerous, absentees. The Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) has turned its back on the electoral option on offer, as has the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP). In doing so, their leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, intemperately called on his Zulu followers to lay down their lives for "their beliefs". The elections now promise to be even bloodier than had been forecast, with the spectre of Chief Buthelezi as a South African Jonas Savimbi.

At the heart of the stalemate is the question of decentralisation of power. And an apparent technicality has acquired the status of powerful metaphor. The IFP has sought to replace the "single ballot", weighted against regional parties, with two separate ballots, one each for the national and provincial legislatures. This would allow voters to discriminate between national and provincial issues, and makes perfect democratic sense. The African National Congress (ANC) has, after an unconscionable period of brinkmanship, accepted the idea, but linked its implementation to the condition that the IFP participate in the elections.

This is a mistake. The "double ballot" should not be seen as a concession to Chief Buthelezi; nor should the demands for the grant of greater exclusive powers to provincial governments. These improvements to the interim constitution would, in effect, be "concessions" to democracy. In failing to respond to authentic regional aspirations, the ANC is a victim of a familiar disease. A cursory glance at modern Africa teaches that only the devolution of power, not over-centralisation, can ensure stability.

But it is hard to sympathise with those who reject the elections outright, however genuine their grievances; and it is harder still when their vocabulary of rejection includes calls to violence. Participation in the elections would strengthen their hand, not weaken it, and would insulate them from the criticism that they were self-seeking "spoilers". Chief Buthelezi's bellicose pronouncements, and his threats to disrupt elections in Natal-KwaZulu, are highly irresponsible. In addition, they reinforce the belief that he was never in serious search of a settlement.

The ANC is right to reject out of hand the demand, by the AVF, for an independent white *volkstaat*. Realists on the white right, such as General Viljoen, realise this; but they have failed to come up with an imaginative alternative to an independent state. The onus is surely on them to do so, not on Mr Mandela. But the ANC has failed to appreciate that significant federalist initiatives would placate a large number of genuinely apprehensive Afrikaaners.

No date is sacred, however. There is no reason why provision should not be made for the IFP and the AVF to register for elections even after the deadline. And the postponement of the election itself, by a month or so, should not be ruled out, if the extra time could be employed to coax a settlement out of recalcitrant parties. South Africa has waited an eternity for its first multiracial election: it can wait a little longer. Peaceful, representative elections are far more important than man-made deadlines.

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Legal constraints, moral perceptions, on age of consent

From the Reverend Professor G. C. Stead, FBA

Sir, Some of your contributors to the debate on homosexuality (letters, December 31, January 10, 12, 17, 20, 26, 31, February 4) seem to me confused about the possibilities and limitations of the law. The legislator should not attempt to give legal force to the finer perceptions of enlightened moralists; his function is to establish a simple and workable code which on the whole consorts with the moral perceptions of basically well-meaning but sensual and not very clear-headed citizens, such as most of us are. Within such a framework the moralist can make his own appeal.

There is, of course, a danger that legalising homosexual activity from the age of 16 would send the wrong signal to incautious teenagers or to their elderly exploiters; but, since no course of action is ever perfect, this consideration should yield to the paramount necessity of remedying a gross injustice in the treatment of the two sexes, and enabling young men in doubt about their sexual orientation to seek advice without fear of criminal proceedings.

I would not myself claim that a homosexual way of life enjoys equal validity with its alternative; its opportunities, I think, are more limited, its sordid aspects more depressing; and Christian tradition, at the very least, urges caution. But to claim, as has been claimed, that it offers only friendship, or alternatively lust (letter, February 4) is, to me, offensive nonsense. The ideal of homosexual connections as a basis of romantic, sincere, and sacrificial love may seldom be realised, but such connections have their own unique contribution to make to the sum of human excellence.

Meanwhile there is reason to think that the situation is mishandled if considered solely in terms of an age of consent. One may still ask whether the law should restrict physical intercourse between men of widely disparate ages. There is something to be said for a rule that no one should make love to a man of less than half his age: this would do something to protect the young from exploitation, and the cases of genuine hardship would hardly be numerous.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER STEAD,
13 Station Road,
Haddenham, Ely,
Cambridgeshire.
February 10.

From Miss Angela Brown

Sir, Sexual abuse of all kinds, homo and hetero-sexual, will continue to "condemn future generations of teenage boys [what about the girls?] to a nightmarish existence" as described by R. Campbell Paget (letter, February 4), no matter what age is set as "consensual" for any or all kinds of sexual activity. At any age, unwanted sexual advances are abuse and are wrong.

To equate homosexuality with paedophilia, as Mr Campbell Paget appears to be doing, is common but incorrect. Should not he try to ensure that "young men" he counsels receive further, perhaps more enlightened, help than he can provide?

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA BROWN,
95 Appleby Lodge,
Wilmslow Road, Manchester 14.
February 4.

From Mr M. G. Copeland

Sir, Ten-year-olds can consent to commit murder. Twelve-year-olds can rape. Sixteen-year-old males, who can consent to marry, cannot consent to intimacy with their own sex. Who is deluding whom?

Yours faithfully,
M. G. COPELAND,
2 Severn Road,
Broomhill, Sheffield 10.
February 12.

From Mr Paul Barnes

Sir, Janet Daley expresses concern (article, January 27) that introducing an equal age of consent at 16 for homosexual men will seduce young men into a homosexual lifestyle that they would not otherwise follow.

She seems unaware how difficult it is for a man to make it known that he is a homosexual. It is usually the product of much heart-searching and trauma. Many individuals feel unable to take this step and instead spend their lives living a lie. An "occasional act" is nowhere near enough to counter the pressures to conform.

The present age of consent for homosexuals at 21 does not stop men becoming homosexual. It simply makes them criminals. An equal age of consent will allow young homosexuals to cope with their sexuality.

Yours etc,
PAUL BARNES,
36a Mildmay Grove, Islington, N1.
February 4.

From Dr Jean Wilson

Sir, Unless Mr R. Kennedy (letter, February 4) is himself homosexual, on what grounds can he pronounce on the nature of the emotion felt in homosexual relationships? His attempt to confine love to the family is morally arrogant, spiritually narrow and intellectually ridiculous.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. WILSON,
Wholeway, Harlton, Cambridge.
February 4.

From Mr Humphrey Lewis

Sir, If "homophobia" and "homocritical" are pure Greek, as Mr Need contends (letter, February 4), then they must mean "the same phobia" and "having the same crisis". But they don't.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY LEWIS,
3 Arlington Drive, Nottingham.

Proper training in psychotherapy

From Mrs Dianne Crosby

Sir, As a counsellor working for Relate I was disturbed to read of Fay Weldon's experiences of therapy ("I think I was a good and faithful wife", February 4). Libby Purves's interview with her highlights the importance of proper training in the dynamics of couple relationships for any counsellor or therapist offering marital intervention. Such training gives an understanding of the implications for the couple of counselling one partner alone.

Counselling is a discipline in itself. In particular it is necessary for counsellors to understand how the counselling of one partner in a relationship affects the other partner and the relationship itself. A fully trained counsellor will acknowledge this and make it clear to clients.

Yours faithfully,
DIANNE CROSBY,
17 Green Lane,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
February 6.

From Ms Catherine Kaplinsky

Sir, It is most unfortunate that Fay Weldon has conflated all manner of "healers" as psychotherapists. She has also confused psychiatrists with psychoanalysis. Psychiatrists are medical doctors trained in psychiatric medicine and, unless they have had an additional psychoanalytic training, do not practise psychoanalysis.

The implications of this confusion are serious, particularly for those in need and despair who are being discouraged from seeking proper, professional psychotherapeutic help. Ms Weldon told your interviewer that she once had high regard for members of the "older school" whom she thought of as "phenomenally intelligent and intensely trained" and who "did not offer advice". They still exist.

There are now two registers of qualified therapists which the public can consult. These are the UK Council for Psychotherapy and the British Confederation of Psychotherapists. They cover a wide range of therapies which have high standards of training and practice and strict ethical codes. It is not usual for psychotherapists to advertise. The register should be consulted if in doubt and at the outset of therapy.

Therapy is a co-operative journey. It can help to give meaning and value to the lives of those who embark upon it.

Yours sincerely,
CATHERINE KAPLINSKY,
Mill Brook, Barcombe Mills, Sussex.
February 12.

From Mrs Victoria Botwood

Sir, Fay Weldon seems to believe, on the one hand, that all forms of psychotherapy are simply destructive, on the other that a stringently trained therapist can "let you put yourself together".

Unfortunately this essential distinction becomes blurred in what she is quoted as saying. She clearly wishes to use her own experience to warn others, who may be in a vulnerable state.

If this influences against psychotherapy as a whole then someone may be denied a much needed source of real help. If it alerts to the dangers of inadequately qualified "therapists" and aids someone in need to be sure they are consulting a rigorously qualified psychotherapist who belongs to an organisation, such as the British Association of Psychotherapists, with an established code of ethics then her warnings are to be applauded.

Fay Weldon's influence can be powerful, stemming from her own experiences and expressed as she is able to express it. It would be helpful if the object of her attacks was clearer.

Yours faithfully,
VICTORIA BOTWOOD,
34 Brook Green, W6.

Keyhole surgery

From Mr M. J. Notaras

Sir, Many surgeons are concerned by the rapid uptake of the techniques of keyhole surgery (report, February 8), especially those which have not been properly evaluated by controlled clinical trials in designated centres. There is no restriction on any surgeon trying out these innovative methods, some of which are of doubtful benefit in terms of cost and expose patients to unnecessary risks.

One example is hernia repair by laparoscopy, performed with television-linked tubular instruments inserted inside the abdominal cavity. This technique is claimed to have the advantages of a short hospital stay, rapid recovery, less post-operative pain and early return to full activity. It requires general anaesthesia and carries the risks of major internal complications unknown with the open method of surgery.

Unfortunately, patients have been led by the media to believe that this form of hernia repair is "state of the art" surgery, rather than an experimental procedure. We do not know the recurrence rate, and some disastrous later complications have been reported, such as those allegedly suffered last summer by the Australian fast bowler, Craig McDermott.

Yours etc,
M. J. NOTARAS
(Consultant surgeon),
Barnet General Hospital,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Death of Tory MP

From Mrs Mary F. Foreman

Sir, I find the letters you published on February 10 on Stephen Milligan's death wrong-headed. Why should the tabloid press again be made the villain of the piece? They are surely only doing their duty in reporting facts.

Is it considered that sleazy behaviour should be condoned? It seems that "back to basics" means the maintenance of the eleventh commandment — thou shalt not be found out: anything unpleasant should be swept under the carpet.

The sleaze does not originate in the tabloid press — they merely report it. More power to their elbow — their efforts can only make our so-called democratic system more healthy.

Yours sincerely,
MARY F. FOREMAN,
23 Jericho Close, Liverpool 17.

Speaking out

From Professor Emeritus Henry Chadwick

Sir, The Cabinet Secretary is surely entitled to more sympathy than some (letters, February 11, 12) wish to concede. The holder of that office must of necessity know many things which could not be broadcast from the housetops without injury to the national interest, and in this matter there is no alternative to trusting the judgment of a distinguished public servant. Moreover, there is no element of sophistry in the ethical principle that while one is under an obligation to speak with integrity and sincerity, it is not a duty to declare all that is in one's heart and mind.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY CHADWICK,
46 St John Street, Oxford.

Organ donation

From Mr Nicholas Thompson

Sir, To me the whole business of organ transplantation (leading article, January 28; letters, January 1, 3, 8, 9) is macabre and there are no circumstances in which I would wish to receive a transplanted organ.

I am only marginally less reluctant to have my own organs harvested and I don't really see why I should be forced to register my views in order to safeguard what I regard as an immemorial right.

If the quoted figure of about three-quarters of the population in favour of donation is right, then there ought to be quite enough organs to go round.

Those dedicated to the practice could perhaps join an organ pool with membership entitling them mutually to bits of each other should the need arise and obliging them to make their own contribution in due course.

Since these operations take up much time, bed space, expertise and public money, those who do not join the pool might even be regarded with a little gratitude.

Yours etc,
NICHOLAS THOMPSON,
Forest House, Horningsham,
Warminster, Wiltshire.
February 11.

Happy in the slips

From the Reverend R. J. Blakeway-Phillips

Sir, Not infrequently one reads in the press criticisms of the outrageous cost of tickets and of elitism at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. May I come to the defence of this much-loved House?

I recently walked into the empty box office in Floral Street and booked seats in the upper slips for three different operas for my wife and myself, at a total of £26.

I am a pensioner and hope to celebrate my 300th visit to the ROH since 1947 on April 11 with Verdi's *A Masked Ball*. Definitely cheaper and more rewarding than an evening at the "local".

Yours faithfully,
R. J. BLAKEWAY-PHILLIPS,
Church Cottage, Clun,
Craven Arms, Shropshire.
February 8.

Taxation policy

From Sir Peter Hordern, MP for Horsham (Conservative)

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's article, "Spending money fit to bust" (January 31), shows how dangerous it is to rely on one set of statistics to prove that Government spending is out of control, or to prove anything else for that matter.

Rather than quoting total growth rates for each Parliament it is perhaps fairer to give annual growth rates, since some parliaments last four years while others last five, which this Parliament is assumed to last on Lord Rees-Mogg's figures.

It would also, perhaps, be better to take the first full year of the Parliament as a base year, since each government's spending priorities are not reflected until the second year of its existence.

On that basis, the present Government's average annual increase is 1.4 per cent from 1992-93 to 1996-97, rather below Mrs Thatcher's first Government (1.9 per cent annual increase) and the Thatcher/Major Government (2.1 per cent annual increase).

Whatever these statistics may show, which is a variable picture, the real test of any government's spending must surely be the proportion of our total product that it consumes. This year, 1993-94, the figure is 45 per cent, at pretty well the bottom of the recession. It was 47½ per cent in 1982-83, at a similar recessionary period, and fell to 39¼ per cent in 1988-89, during the boom.

It is perfectly reasonable to suppose that this figure will fall, as predicted, to 42½ per cent in 1996-97 as the economy recovers, a figure well below any year of the last Labour Government and one which should allow taxes to be reduced once more.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HORDERN,
House of Commons.
February 2.

Lung cancer in pets

From Mr Robert Taylor

Sir, On the subject of passive smoking and lung cancer in pets (report, January 27; letter, February 4) a search of the literature revealed one study which concluded that pet dogs were more likely to develop lung cancer if they shared their home with a smoker although the link was weak (Reif, J. S. et al., *Am. J. Epidem.*, 1992 (135) 234-239). The increased risk was found to be related to the shape of the dog's skull, the risk being greater in breeds with short noses than in those with long noses. This is probably because of efficient air filtering in the long-nosed breeds.

There appears to be no published evidence of ill effects of passive smoking on pet birds, although a study by Kohlmeier, L. et al. (*British Med. J.* Clin. Res. Edition, 1992, 305 (6860), 986-989) indicated that pet birds increased risk of lung cancer in their owners.

Yours faithfully,
R. TAYLOR,
Department of Animal Health,
CAB International,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
February 11.

Faith and works

From Mr J. du M. Kenyon

Sir, The contrary beliefs of the present and future Bishop of Durham (report, February 3; letter, February 5) can be puzzling.

Just as restaurants publish outside what is on offer inside, perhaps every Anglican church nowadays should be obliged to publish outside the beliefs of the diocesan and of the incumbent. Provision could be made for these to be updated from time to time to keep in line with the latest fashion. In this way one could "shop around" to find a church of one's own beliefs. This is especially important with baptism and Holy Communion.

Does this really matter? Well, as Dom Bernard said many years ago when vicar of All Saints, Margaret Street: "You can't even give anybody measles unless you have it yourself."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KENYON,
Maes-y-Brenin, Newport, Dyfed.
February 11.

Ridgeway access

From Mr Neil Jordan

Sir, On behalf of all walkers who use the Ridgeway, I would like to thank the Land Access and Recreation Association (Lara), which represents vehicle clubs, for imposing a voluntary ban until March 31.

Whilst this will not solve the problem (letters, December 27, January 4, 6) it will help to restrict damage to this national asset.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL JORDAN,
49 Newbury Street,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
February 10.

Moving spectacle

From Mr Anthony McHale

Sir, Your letter from Janet West (February 8), recounting the vet's instructions to her labrador to avoid alcohol, is delightful. I now have the added burden of reading *The Times* to my golden retriever, Max, so that he, too, can abide by our vet's instructions: "Contact lenses must not be worn while treatment continues."

Sincerely yours,
ANTHONY McHALE,
Tara House, Port Charlotte,
Isle of Islay, Inner Hebrides.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 14: The Duke fo Edinburgh, Patron, Ranfurly Library Service, this evening attended a Reception to mark the adoption of the name Book Aid International at the Locarno Suite, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SW1.

Captain Giles Inglis-Jones was in attendance.

His Royal Highness left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening for Switzerland.

The Lord Buxton of Alsa was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 14: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this morning received Mr Graham Hawker, Chief Executive, Welsh Water.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, afterwards chaired a meeting.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Duke of Devonshire at the Memorial Service for Mrs Elizabeth Young which was held at St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London EC1, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 14: The Princess of Wales, President, this morning opened the new clinical wing, to be called "The Variety Club Building", at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London WC1.

The Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Captain Edward Musto, RM, were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 14: The Duke of Kent, President, this evening attended a concert at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Miss Mary Adshead, mural painter, 90; Mr Clive Aslet, editor, *Country Life*, 39; Sir Nicholas Bayne, diplomat, 57; Sir Harold Beeley, diplomat, 85; Sir William Bentley, diplomat, 67; Miss Claire Bloom, actress, 63; Mr Tony Bloom, joint deputy chairman, Sketchley, 55; Sir Stephen Brown, former chairman, Stone-Platt Industries, 88; Mr Derek Conway, MP, 41; Mr Dan Crompton, chief constable, Nottinghamshire, 53; Sir Arthur de la Mare, diplomat, 80; Mr Justice Drake, 71; Mr Frank Dunlop, director, former Edinburgh International Festival, 67; the Countess of Dysart, 80; Mr Paul Ferris, author, 65; Mr John Greenway, MP, 48; Mr Gerald Harper, actor and broadcaster, 65; the Earl of Jersey, 84; Sir Richard O'Brien, former chairman, Manpower Services Commission, 74; Mr C.F. Payne, former chief constable, Cleveland, 64; Mr W.K. Reid, the Ombudsman, 63; Miss Jane Seymour, actress, 43; Miss Clare Short, MP, 48; Mr P.J. Squire, headmaster, Bedford Modern School, 57; Sir Adrian Swire, chairman, John Swire and Sons, 62; Mr Justice Ward, 56; the Right Rev R.W. Woods, former Bishop of Worcester, 80.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Inner London Probation Service, will attend a reception at the Camberwell Probation Centre, 123 Grove Park, SE5, at 6.00.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Football Association, will visit Arsenal Football Club at Arsenal Stadium at noon; and, as Patron of the London Philharmonic, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor, will visit Leeds University at 11.45.

Appointment

David Nicholas Nettlefold Martineau to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: P.W. Binks - SACLANT USA 05.08.94.
SURGEON CAPTAIN (D): R.S. Hambly - MOD London 11.02.94.
COMMANDER: R.J. Bishop - Staff of 2SL/CNH 22.04.94; K. Cordner - Staff of 2SL/CNH 05.08.94; S.D. De Halpert - NATO Italy 07.10.94; D.C. Langbridge - Neptune 05.08.94; W.J.R. Pennefather - Nelson 22.07.94; J. Powis - Victorious in Cmd 01.07.94; D.B. Roberts - NATO Portugal 03.06.94; P.H. Tatham - Invincible 13.05.94; P. Watts - MOD Bath 05.04.94.
CHAPLAIN: J. Green - Nelson 22.02.94.

The Army
Major-General Michael Stewart Heath to be Colonel Commandant Corps of REME, in succession to Major-General Christopher Tyler.
BRIGADIER: G.G. Messervy-Whiting - To MOD 6.1.94 (Belated Entry).
COLONELS: S.L. Bennett - To be Comd Log Sp HQ SCOTLAND, 14.2.94; S.S. Paul - To IMS BRUSSELS, 14.2.94; A. Curran - To MRS Osnabruck, 7.2.94.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: S.W.L. Strickland, Kings Own Border - To be DA/MA Helsinki, 20.2.94; P.W. Reynolds RA - To P&EE Shoeburyness, 14.2.94; R.K. Forber, RAMC - To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC, 7.2.94; S.L. Newell RADC - To QEMH, 17.2.94.
Retirement
COLONEL: J.V. Fielding Late R Signals, 15.2.94.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: I.D. Mitchell - To Bolling AFB Washington, 8.2.94; C.L. Sexstone - To MOD 11.02.94; G.P. Carson - To HQ Air Cadets Newton 11.2.94; B.M. Thornton - To Boscombe Down 11.02.94; D.R. Williams - To MOD 14.2.94.
WING COMMANDER: M.C. Stevens - To MOD/DPM(O&AA) 29.1.94; T.A. Salter - To MOD(PE)DA ARM 31.1.94; R.I. MacEvoy - to HQRAFSC 31.1.94; J.E. Parker - To IC AOC SEMBACH 1.2.94; P.M.D. Brown - To HQRAFSC 7.2.94; G.A. Ordish - To ATCEEB Shawbury 7.2.94; K. Smith - To 18 Sqn Laarbruch 7.2.94; R. Patel - To SM(WPNS) 13(RAF) 14.2.94; J.W.C. Spencer - RMCS Shrivenham 14.2.94; A.N. Graham-Cumming - To RAF IHMT Halton 14.2.94.

University news

Cambridge
Professor Alec Broers, Master of Churchill College, was yesterday incorrectly described as the only British engineer to be elected an Associate of the United States National Academy of Engineering. He is in fact the only British engineer to be elected this year.

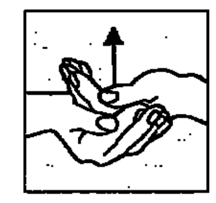
AZADOUR GUZELIAN



Jarvis Browning, who has benefited from aphasia treatment, at work with his son Ben in his Yorkshire forge

Times raises £18,000 for speech charity

By Ruth Gledhill



READERS of *The Times* have donated more than £18,000 to Afasic, a charity for overcoming speech impairments. The money raised has made it the charity's most successful appeal to date.

Afasic has supported research which shows that the 500,000 children in the UK who suffer a speech and language impairment could be only a fraction of those needing help. The charity needs funds to raise awareness and broaden its work.

The donations will be used to finance speech therapy and special activities to help children and young adults learn communication skills. It will help fund the work done through Afasic's telephone advice service, and a new information pack for youngsters seeking work.

Helen Sant, financial resources manager, said: "The value of the appeal in terms of publicity has been considerable. Children who have communication impairments have a low public profile which does not reflect the degree of difficulty they have.

"As most people do not know even of their existence, these children must struggle against a lack of understanding on the part of people they come into contact with, as well as cope with the difficulties which their impairment causes. Their families also suffer from other people's lack of understanding, which can leave them feeling totally isolated."

The Times appealed for donations over Christmas and New Year to help youngsters with language impairments, although more money is needed. At least one in 20 children has difficulty in speaking or understanding what is said. Many have little or no physical or intellectual disability and simply fail to develop normal language skills as children.

Some can be taught to talk within a few months with speech therapy and go on to lead relatively normal lives. Others who do not receive help can endure lives of crippling loneliness, locked into social isolation and unable to find a job.

Afasic was set up to help people such as Jarvis Browning, born prematurely, and diagnosed as suffering from aphasia when he was three years old. His condition meant he was unable to speak or understand what was said to him, even though he was highly intelligent.

Unable to find the right education for him, his parents decided when he was 17 to help him train for a craft. He qualified as a farrier, travelled through New Zealand and Australia, married and settled in Nawton, North Yorkshire, where he now lives and works. His mother Elizabeth Browning told his story in the book *I can't see what you're saying*.

I would like to help children and young people who have speech and language impairments:

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I wish to make a donation of:
☐ £100 ☐ £50 ☐ £30 ☐ £15 ☐ other £ ....

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Value £ .... Cheque number ....
(Please write your name and address on the back of the cheque)

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Please complete and return this coupon to:
AFASIC, 347 Central Markets, Smithfield, London EC1A 9NH

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Galileo Galilei, mathematician and astronomer, Pisa, 1564; Michael Praetorius, composer, Kreuzberg, Germany, 1571 (he also died on this day), Wolfenbüttel, 1621; King Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1710; Jeremy Bentham, Utilitarian philosopher, London, 1748; Alfred North Whitehead, philosopher, Ramsgate, 1861; Sir Bannister Fletcher, architect and architectural historian, London, 1866; Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, Kilkee, Co Clare, 1874; John Barrymore, actor, Philadelphia, 1882; H.M. Bateman, cartoonist, Sutton Forest, New South Wales, 1887; Graham Hill, racing driver, London, 1929.

DEATHS: Henry Deane, Archbishop of Canterbury 1501-03, London, 1503; Jan Swammerdam, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1680; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury, writer, Naples, 1713; Gotthold Lessing, dramatist, Braunschweig, Germany, 1781; Henry Hunt, political reformer, Alresford, Hampshire, 1835; Mikhail Glinka, composer, Berlin, 1857; Nicholas Wiseman, Cardinal and first Archbishop of Westminster 1850-65, London, 1865; Alexander Borodin, composer, Leningrad, 1887; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of *Ben Hur*, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1905; Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister 1908-16, Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire, 1928; Ethel Merman, singer, New York, 1984.

The first cargo of frozen meat left New Zealand, bound for Britain, on the SS *Dunedin*, 1882.

Singapore surrendered to the Japanese army, 1942.

Allied bombing began on Monte Cassino monastery in Italy, 1944.

Britain changed to decimal currency, 1971.

Appointment

David Nicholas Nettlefold Martineau to be a Circuit Judge on the South Eastern Circuit.

Memorial services

Mr Danny Blanchflower
The Lord Mayor of Belfast attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Danny Blanchflower held yesterday in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. The Dean of Belfast officiated, assisted by the Auxiliary Bishop of Down and Connor, who said the prayers. Mr Billy Drennan and Mr Billy Bingham read the lessons. Sir John Junor and Mr Malcolm Brodie gave addresses. The Bishop of Down and Dromore pronounced the blessing. Among others present were:

Miss Gael Blanchflower and Ms Stacey Blanchflower (daughters), Mr Jackie Blanchflower and Mr Harry Blanchflower (brothers); representatives of Tottenham Hotspur and Barnsley Football Clubs, the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Irish Football Association and representatives of the Irish Football League and the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.

Mr David Evans
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr David Evans, late Chairman and Managing Director of Sweet & Maxwell, was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, January 25. The Rev Christopher Lowson officiated. Mr John Evans, brother, Miss Gill Davies and Mrs Carol Tullo gave readings. Mr Anthony Kinahan gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Josephine Evans (widow), Miss Annabel Evans (daughter), Mr Robert Evans (son), Mrs John Evans (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Elwyn Davies (uncle and aunt), Sir Robert Megarry (uncle), Mr Rowland Scoby-Smith (father-in-law), Mr and Mrs Tom Brown (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and other members of the family, Judge Christopher Bellamy (representing the Court of First Instance of the European Communities), Mr Clive Bradley (Publishers Association), Mrs Kate Britten (Alexander Maxwell Law Scholarship Trustees), Mr Malcolm Gammie (Institute of Taxation), Professor Roy Goode (Society of Public Teachers of Law), Mr Martin Gowar (Hamlyn Trustees), Ms Judy Lane (International Bar Association), Professor Pat Leighton (Association of Law Teachers), Ms Helen Melxmen (British Council), Ms Lynn Quiney (British and Irish Association of Law Librarians), Mr Donald Raistrick (Lord Chancellor's Department), Ms Theresa Thom (representing the Under-Treasurer of Gray's Inn), Herr Wilhelm Warth (Law Books in Europe), present and past colleagues at Sweet & Maxwell and many other friends.

Admiral Sir Frank Twiss
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir Frank Twiss will be held at 3.00pm on Wednesday, March 23, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

The Times 2000

An electronic version of *The Times 1000* guide to leading companies in the UK and the world, *The Times 2000*, is published today by Times Books at £99.00.

A flexible product for use with a PC under Microsoft Windows, it enables the user to create customised comparative tables using many different criteria.

It is available from: Mail Order Department, HarperCollins Publishers, Westerhill Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 2QT.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr William Cash, MP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

Latest wills

Mr Frederick Stewart **James**, of Penkridge, Staffs, left estate valued at £1,123,435 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Carter and Mrs S.S. Woods
The engagement is announced from Dorset between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Wilfred Carter, and Fiona, daughter of Sir Timothy and Lady Bevan.

Mr M.K. Greenwood and Miss H.E. McClean
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Greenwood, of Bryanston, Dorset, and Heather, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Maxwell McClean, of Hillhall, Northern Ireland.

Mr J.S. Hurren and Miss A.C. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Hurren, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Abigail, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hamilton, of Canonbury, London.

Mr C.N. Olson and Miss E.L. Hart
The engagement is announced between Crispin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Olson, of Calne, Wiltshire, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Hart, of Shrivenham, Oxfordshire.

Dr A.F.T. Payne and Miss P.E. Frow
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of the late Mr Ronald Payne and of Mrs Doris Cook, of Melbourne, Australia, and Penelope, youngest daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs Brian Frow, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr N.G. Quilter and Miss M. Walasek
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of the late Mr Bryan Quilter, CBE, and of Mrs Diana Quilter, of Putney Heath, London, and Monika, daughter of Mr and Mrs Erwin Walasek, of Krakow, Poland.

Mr G.W. Stark and Miss S.F.J. Van den Bergh
The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Stark, of Bigbury, Devon, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Van den Bergh, of Broadway, Somerset.

Marriage

Mr C.E. Browne and Miss T.M. Stokes
The marriage of Mr Christopher Browne and Miss Theresa Stokes took place yesterday in Gretna Green, Scotland.

The bride was attended by Mrs Stella Allison, the best man was Mr Darren Allison.

Church news

The Rev Brendan Clover, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge (Ely): to be Priest-in-charge, St Pancras New Church, Euston Road (London).

The Rev Stephen Conway, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Honorary Assistant Curate, St Margaret, Durham (Durham) to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Cockerton, same diocese.

The Rev David Daley, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Cockfosters: to be Vicar, St Cuthbert's Chitts Hill, Wood Green (London).

The Rev John Elford, Pro Rector, St Katharine's College of Higher Education: to be *also* Canon Theologian of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool).

The Rev Richard Grinsted, Rector, Ditton (Rochester): to be Rector, Chulmleigh, Vicar, Chawleigh w Cheldon, and Rector, Wembworthy w Eggesford (Exeter).

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BIRTHS

AYLETT - On February 11th, to Louise (née Sheppard) and Crispin, a son, Felix, a brother for Wilfred.

BREWIS - On February 14th, to Hayley (née Merrett) and Henry, a daughter, Lucy Katherine Victoria.

FITZALAN HOWARD - On 12th February, to Claire and Harry, a daughter, a sister for George.

HUME - On February 12th, to Margaret and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Louise.

JOHNS - On 12th February 1994 in Kingston, Ontario, to Nicole and Stephen, a daughter, Olivia Hannah, a sister for Ieuan.

KARLSEN - On February 13th, to Annabel (née Young) and Fred, in Tonsberg, Norway, a son.

KINTON - On January 5th 1994, to Mike and Camilla (née Chavasse), a daughter, Rachel Mary.

MONTGOMERY - On February 11th, to Kathy and Richard, a daughter (Emma Penelope).

OXENHAM - On February 10th, in Nice, France, to Tina (née Searle) and Kim, a daughter, Sofia Violet Genevieve, a sister for Tom and Rory.

PARRY - On February 12th, to Suzie and John, a son, Hugo.

PLOUTARHOU - On 11th February 1994 at the North Middlesex Hospital to Niki (née Georgiou) and Christopher, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Helen.

PORTER - On February 13th, to Paula (née Newman) and Alan, a son, Dominic Anthony James, a brother for Georgina.

SPEEDIE - On February 13th, to Kitty (née Andrew) and Alan, a son, Christopher Alan.

VAN GRUISEN - On 6th February 1994 in Newport, Rhode Island, to Janette (née van der Geest) and Rufus, a son, Giles Alexander.

WATTS - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Kathryn (née Holloway) and Andy, a beautiful son, Sam James. All our thanks to a wonderful staff.

WILSON - On 11th February in the American Hospital of Paris, to Penny (née Turner) and Andrew, a son, George Andrew, a brother for Jemima and Charlie.

MARRIAGES

GRIFFITHS:STEPHENSON - The marriage took place in Winchester on Saturday February 12th of John Robert Leonard, only son of Leonard and Mari Griffiths and Jacqueline Heather, eldest daughter of Philip and Beatrice Stephenson.

DEATHS

ANGUS - Peacefully at Blairmore House, Blairmore, Dunoon, on 14th February 1994 Archibald Angus, formerly of BP Abadan and London. Dearly loved husband of the late Agnes Brown (née Barr) and a very dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The funeral service will take place at Toward Church on Friday 18th February at 11.15 am followed by cremation at Greenock Crematorium at 1 pm. All friends are respectfully invited to either or both the above services, no flowers please.

ARMITSTEAD - On February 10th 1994, Michael St Hill Armitstead, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Evelyn (née Dykes), devoted father of 10 children and grandfather of 20 grandchildren. Funeral Requiem at Presteigne Catholic Church 12 noon Thursday February 17th, burial at Old Radnor.

ATTHILL - On February 12th peacefully at Oakhill, Somerset, Robin aged 81, husband of the late Elizabeth (née Thackeray), father of Thomas, Charles and Catherine. Funeral at St James, Ashwick, Thursday February 17th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to E. Emery & Son, Funeral Directors, Ashwick, Oakhill, nr. Bath. (0749) 840350.

BEAVER - Peacefully on February 12th, Cynthia Ann (née Bryan), much loved wife of the late Lt. Col. Phil Beaver M.C., and mother of Philip, Catherine and Susan, grandmother of Mark, Hugo, Brendan and Alice. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Godmanstone, Dorset, on Friday February 18th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Woods Funeral Service, 11A Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1EW, tel: (0305) 262666.

BERENS - On February 12th, Moyra, widow of Ce Berens, and mother of Richard, Penelope, the late Christopher and Henry; peacefully in Alresford. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Brentworth, on Friday February 18th at noon. Private cremation.

BROOKS - Edward Charles OBE (Eddie), suddenly, during a charity walk on 12th February. Funeral details to be announced later.

BROWN - On February 8th 1994, Reginald, husband of Lilla, father of Roger and Dennis and grandfather of Andrew, Sarah, Karen and Richard. Formerly Senior Lecturer in Physics and Careers Advisor at University College, London.

BUNTER - Ruby May on 11th February, adored wife, mother, sister, grandmother, friend, teacher - a lovely and gracious lady. Flowers, because she loved them, to Bennetts, 120 High Street, Brentwood, Essex. (0277-210104) or donations if preferred to I.T.U. Harold Wood Hospital, Romford, Essex, in whose loving care she departed this life.

CABLE - On February 12th peacefully in his house in Dartmouth, Desmond, husband of his beloved Pam and father of his two dear sons, Anthony and Christopher. Gave as he always gave, his generosity, warmth and love, to all those who shared his gift of friendship and joy of life.

COLERIDGE - On 11th February 1994, suddenly but peacefully, in her 84th year, Julia, much loved mother of Sarah, Edward and Katherine and loving grandmother of James, Michael, Rupert, Hector, Toby, Saskia, Frederick and Alexander. Funeral at St George's, Bicknoller, February 21st at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o F.H. Willicombe, 8 High Street, Williton, TA4 4NW.

COOPER - On February 14th, peacefully in hospital, Vivian Rupert Vaughan (Chim), aged 86 years. Husband of the late Margaret and loved father of Graham and the late Sandra. Much loved grandfather of Anna, Jessica, Sally, Alexander and Katherine. Funeral on Friday 18th. Service in Kirkmabreck Parish Church, Creetown at 11 am. All friends are welcome. Thereafter cremation. Family flowers only please or donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Messrs Alex McCleary, Queen Street, Newton Stewart, DG8 6JR.

DAVIES - Sadly in Farnborough Hospital, on 12th February 1994, William Walter Frederick, aged 85 years, late of Chislehurst. Dearly missed by his loving wife Edith, family and friends. Funeral Service to take place on Friday 18th February 1994 at the Annunciation Church, Chislehurst, Kent, at 12 noon followed by cremation at Hither Green Crematorium. Flowers to Doves Funerals, 19 Carlton Parade, Orpington, Kent, by 10 am or tel: (0689) 870030.

DAVISON - On 6th February 1994, Binnie, only daughter of André and Beatrice van der Meersch. Beloved wife of the late Dick Davison of Rudgwick, Sussex. All funeral enquiries to Pimms Funeral Services, tel: (0483) 274079.

DUCHEN - Myra. At home on 12th February 1994, after a long illness, borne with great courage. Much loved and missed by her family, friends and colleagues. Funeral on Thursday 17th February at 4.30 pm, at Golders Green Crematorium. Donations, if desired to Cancerkin. The Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG.

EARDLEY - On 11th February 1994, peacefully after a short illness, Evelyn Wilmot (Lyn), in his 90th year, beloved husband of Renée. Father of Jo Keyte and Carolyn Chesler, grandfather of William, Edward and Benjamin. Funeral Service at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 15th February at St Michael's Church, Cumnor, Oxon.

FOREMAN - Kathleen 'Kitty' (née Whitehead) aged 82, after a short illness at Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Widow of John, dearly beloved mother of Margaret and Janet and stepmother of Jennifer. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd February 1994. Donations to the C.R.M.F., 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

GOLDSWORTHY - On 13th February 1994, following a stroke, Grace Margaret (Peggy), beloved wife of Frank. Cremation at Kingston Crematorium at 3pm Monday 21st February. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C.

HECKELS - On 11th February, peacefully at Norwich, aged 98 years, Dr. Graham William Heckels, late Epsom, Surrey. Beloved father and grandfather. Funeral private.

HICKLING - On February 12th 1994, peacefully in hospital after a short illness courageously borne, Hugh Hickling, beloved father of Tim, much loved father-in-law of Pip and loving grandfather of Peppi and Joanna, his great humour, generosity and pragmatism will be sadly missed. Funeral Service 5 pm on Friday 18th February at Chichester Crematorium. Flowers or donations, if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research can be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing tel: (0903) 234516.

HIGNETT - On February 11th peacefully aged 93 years, John Derrick Lt. Col. 10th Royal Hussars P W O. DL JP. A fine family man. Much loved father of Michael, Angela and Anthony. Who will be greatly missed by his many friends. Funeral: 2.30pm Monday 21st February St Peter's Church, Church Langton, Market Harborough, Leics. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's Church c/o J Stamps & Sons, The Chestnuts, Kettering Road, Market Harborough, Leics. LE16 8AN.

HOWARD - Mary-Jane, on February 13th at home in Bedford, N.Y. Loved wife of Barnaby. Mother of Nat Bishop, Jane Putnam, Cynthia Dickey, Priscilla Henry, Linda Moody.

ILIFF - On February 13th 1994 peacefully in hospital, George Iliff J.Dip. M.A. F.C.A., loving and dearly loved husband of Pauline: dear brother to Rosemary: beloved father and father-in-law and dearest grandfather. Funeral private. No flowers but if wished donations may be made in his name to The Organ Renewal Fund, St Mary's Church, West Horsley c/o James and Thomas Ltd., F/D, 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6HQ.

INGRAM - On 10th February 1994, peacefully at the Red House, Yelverton, Katharine Doreen, aged 96, dearly beloved sister of Ida Eliot and aunt of Andrew and David. Much loved by all her family, relations and friends. Funeral at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, at 2 pm Thursday February 17th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RNIB, Church Square, Taunton, Somerset.

JACK - On February 13th, peacefully at Penrise Hospital, St Austell, Jean (née Armitt) in her 82nd year. Fondly remembered by her nephew Roger and his family, sister-in-law Mary, friends in Mevagissey and elsewhere. Funeral Service takes place at Bodmin Crematorium on Thursday February 17th at 11.45 am.

KELLEHER - On February 13th, peacefully, Monsignor Canon Maurice (Jack) Kelleher, aged 81. Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday February 22nd at 11 am.

KNOX - On Friday February 11th, peacefully at home, Andrew John, aged 87 years. Husband of the late Robin and a much loved uncle and great-uncle. Funeral Service on Friday February 18th at Chilterns Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only but if desired, donations to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, c/o James Peddle Ltd., 65 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts. tel: (0923) 772013.

LANGTON-LOCKTON - Leslie Mary (née Murphy), on 12th February, mother of the late Vanessa, Judie and Johnnie. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church, Chagford, on Thursday 17th February at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Drew & Sons, Venton, Whiddon Down, Devon, tel: (0647) 231306.

LUTYENS - On February 12th peacefully after a long courageous battle, Richard David aged 45. Much loved husband of Mary Ann and devoted father of Tanya, Alice and Millie. Funeral Service at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, on Friday 18th February at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Mary Obolensky Underwood Foundation c/o J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, London NW3.

MACANDREW - On 11th February 1994 peacefully at home in Kelso, Mona, widow of Charlie, First Baron MacAndrew and beloved mother of Mary and loving grandmother. Funeral private.

NILSSON - On 13th February 1994, Ailsh (née McNally), dearly loved and loving wife of Peter, died peacefully at home. Funeral Service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, on Friday 18th February at 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries to F. Cannon and Sons Ltd., Bedlars Green, Great Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM22 7UZ, tel: (0279) 657922.

O'FLAHERTY - (Kilmessan) Co. Meath. On 13th February 1994 at St Vincent's Private Hospital, Esme Mary Brigid Alexandra, dearly loved mother of Karenina and Stephen and grandmother of little Alice. Rest in Peace. Funeral on Wednesday after 12 o'clock Mass in St Patrick's and St Brigid's Church, Clane to Bodenstown Cemetery, Co. Kildare. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Irish Cancer Society.

PETTIFER - Paul Stewart, died 27th January 1994. On completion of further enquiries the funeral date will be announced.

PROPERT - On February 11th peacefully at home, Peggy. Dearly loved wife of the late Dr. S.A. Propert, mother of Mary and James and dearest grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service on Monday, February 21st at Colchester Crematorium at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to N.S.P.C.C.

ROBERTSON - Nancy (née Walker) on 11th February 1994 in her 91st year. Widow of Sir James Robertson, and mother of James and the late Carol Alexander. Dearly loved by her family and many friends. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Cholsey, 2.30 pm Thursday 17th February. No mourning. No flowers. Donations, if desired, either to the Friends of Cholsey Church or to CARE, 36-38 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HE.

ROBINSON - E.H.T. on 9th February 1994 peacefully at Rookwood Residential Home, Silverdale Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex. Edward Henry Tyler (Ted/Rob/Robbie) aged 96. Sole survivor of T.E. Lawrence's Hejaz Campaign 1918-1919. Assistant Night Editor of The Times 1947-1962. Husband of the late Dorothy Rose Toynbee of Walthamstow and loved father of Joy. Funeral Tuesday February 22nd 1994, 2 pm at Burgess Hill United Reform Church, cremation at 4 o'clock at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium at Worth. Cut flowers only please, or donations to a favourite charity.

ROPER - Joyce Margaret of Lower Brook House, Priest Weston, Shropshire, on February 4th 1994 aged 81 years. Funeral Service at Middleton Church on February 21st at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to Middleton Church or Amnesty International. Joyce's caring original and indomitable spirit will be remembered and missed by all who knew her. Enquiries E.R.D. Corfield & Sons, (0588) 620268.

SAMUELSON - On February 11th, peacefully in The Earl Mountbatten Hospice, Peter Charles, aged 79. Much loved husband of Eileen, devoted father to Nick and Mike and beloved by all his family. Funeral 2.30 pm Thursday February 17th at The I.O.W Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory to The Isle of Wight Hospice, Newport.

SPENCER - On February 13th, peacefully in Plymouth, Colonel Charles Richard Spencer OBE, DL, aged 83. Dearly loved husband of Millicent and father of Elizabeth and Edward. Cremation followed by funeral service at St Paul's, Yelverton at 1430 on Friday February 18th. Please no flowers. Donations, if desired, to the Brooke Hospital for Animals (Cairo), Broadmeade House, 21 Panton Street, London SW1Y 4DR, which he helped found.

SUMMERLIN - On 12th February, Patricia Rosemary, beloved wife of Jim (James) for nearly 53 years, mother of Maxwell and Penelope and grandmother of Samantha and Damien. A lady of great personal charm and unfailing kindness who will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Private funeral. Memorial Service at St John the Baptist Church, Eversholt, at 2.30pm Tuesday 8th March.

SWAIN - On February 12th peacefully at home after a long illness, John Michael George, aged 61 years. Dearly loved husband of Cilla, beloved dad to Lynette, William and Matthew. Adored grandad to Amy, Charlotte and Marion. Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth, on Tuesday February 22nd at 1.30 pm.

WIGGLESWORTH - Sir Vincent Wigglesworth C.B.E., F.R.S., husband of the late Katherine, father of David, Jon, Bill and Jane. Peacefully on 11th February aged 94. Funeral 11.30 am, Lavenham Church, Suffolk, Thursday 17th February. Flowers to W.A. Deacon, Lavenham or donations to Friends of Melford Court Nursing Home, Long Melford CO10 9JB. A Memorial Service at Caius College, Cambridge, will be announced later.

WILSON - On February 11th, in St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, after a long illness courageously borne, Frederick Walter Wilson, M.A. (h.c. Oxon.), F.R.I.C.S., aged 81 years. Devoted husband of Kathleen, beloved father of Donald and Roger and father-in-law Charlotte, adored grandfather of Sophie and Henry. Founding partner of the Wilson Colbeck Partnership, Chartered Quantity Surveyors, of Epsom and Brighton. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Copse Hill, West Wimbledon, on Monday 21st February at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations welcomed to the Wells Cathedral Fabric Fund, Wells, Somerset BA5 2PA, or to the Friends of Lancing Chapel, Lancing College, West Sussex BN15 0RW.

WURR - On February 11th 1994, Nicholas Wurr, died peacefully at home of an AIDS related illness. No flowers please. Donations to Crusaid, 21 Upper Tachbrook Street, London SW1V 1SN.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FRAME - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Alistair Frame will be held at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London SW1, at 11.30 am on Friday 25th March 1994. All are welcome. Would anyone wishing to attend, please telephone (071) 753-2118, so that appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SALLY WILLEY. Beth would love to contact Sally. Anyone knowing her whereabouts please call 0785 790204

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR SIR VINCENT WIGGLESWORTH

Professor Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, CBE, FRS, Quick Professor of Biology, University of Cambridge, 1952-66, died on February 12 aged 94. He was born on April 17, 1899.



AN of quite exceptional singleness urpose Vincent Wigglesworth was f the outstanding biologists of his . He devoted his life methodically e study of insects. Refreshingly le in his approach to scientific lems, he was also modest in his ude to life. He once said: "I only made two discoveries in my life" ugh he would never say what these e).

incent Brian Wigglesworth — his demic colleagues often referred to as simply V. B. W. — was educat- at Repton and Caius College, mbridge. Born at the very end of the h century, he was just old enough to ht in the First World War, serving in last year in the trenches as a 2nd utenant in the Royal Field Artillery. 1919 he took up the scholarship that had won from school to Caius and en became medically qualified at St omas' Hospital. He began research a biochemist under Gowland Hop- ns. He chose to work on insect cretion — a choice which determined is career.

At that time Patrick Buxton at the ondon School of Hygiene and Tropi- al Medicine had realised the absolute ecessity for the study of insect hysiology. He got Wigglesworth to ndertake this and today there is carcely any part of that science which oes not show his influence. As Reader n Entomology in the University of ondon he formed the Agricultural Research Council Unit of Insect Physi- logy and brought this to Cambridge with him when in 1945 he became Reader in Entomology there and fellow of his old college. In 1952 he was made Quick Professor of Biology.

As a young man he had come under the influence of August Krogh of Copenhagen. Along with that of Krogh, Wigglesworth's physiological work was characterised by extreme simplicity of method; indeed, he was only once known to use a special piece of "mechanical apparatus". But this never prevented him from encouraging the use by others of complex equipment, once he was convinced of its value.

In research he covered in succession every part of insect physiology and its rapidly expanding literature. In this way he accumulated the knowledge which led first to his monograph on insect physiology, published in 1934, and later to his book *The Principles of Insect Physiology* (1939). Because of their simplicity, his researches seldom seemed spectacular — until, that is, aggrieved complaints were heard that his uncanny selection of the critical experiment had "skimmed the cream off the subject". His insights rarely let him down.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to science lay in the development of our knowledge of insect hormones and their control of growth, moulting and organisation. From the time of his first discoveries on this subject in 1933 he published many papers on it and he was the acknowledged world authority.

His knowledge and memory of the literature of insect physiology was quite phenomenal, and he continued to revise and extend the *Principles* in later editions, long after most authors would have considered that the field had extended too widely for one man to keep abreast of all its aspects. Despite the academic nature of most of his research, he was keenly interested in applied entomology and, through his research unit, ensured that workers in that field received information about current fundamental research; again, when to many the subject of DDT and its action was a complete field of knowledge in itself, he wrote a concise review of the literature, bringing the physiological approach to this very complex applied subject.

His few collaborators knew the speed with which he worked, and his skill as an animal surgeon — he could have made an equal reputation in the field of medicine in which he was originally trained.

Of his subordinates he merely expected good published work; he never interfered with their manner of work, however much it differed from his own, and he showed little interest in their private lives: he judged men by their research. His many students all over the world (and he set great store on having overseas students in his department) will remember him as a gifted lecturer; but he rarely offered help with their research: indeed, he was tolerant of the intending researcher who was not first-class and could not stand alone.

However, in spite of the concentration of his own timetable, he never failed to give complete attention to anyone who asked his advice. He kept the progress of his own work to himself — even with the closest members of his research unit, he would modestly explain what he had done, only very exceptionally what he was doing and never what he proposed to do.

Wigglesworth received many academic honours — being elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1939, president of the Royal Entomological Society, 1950-52, receiving the Royal Medal of the Royal Society in 1955, the Dutch Swammerdam Medal in 1966 and the Czech Gryor Mendel Gold Medal in 1967. He was made an honorary member of the Royal Danish Academy of Science, and of the entomological societies of America, India, Egypt, The Netherlands and Switzerland. In 1951 he was appointed a CBE and created a knight in 1964.

He was a corresponding member of the Accademia delle Scienze, Bologna, the Société de Pathologie Exotique, and the Entomological Society of Finland. He lectured frequently in Germany, Italy, Denmark and Switzerland, and was rightly proud of his ability to do so in the languages of those countries.

Vincent Wigglesworth married in 1928 Mabel Katherine Semple, the daughter of Colonel Sir David Semple of the Indian Medical Service. She died in 1986. He leaves three sons and one daughter.

CANON RAYMOND HAMMER

Canon Raymond Hammer, director of the Bible Reading Fellowship, 1977-85, died in hospital in Warwick on January 14 aged 73. He was born on July 4, 1920.



RAYMOND HAMMER combined a thoroughly happy, unselfconscious loyalty to his own tradition and community of faith with a wholehearted appreciation of the belief and ways of life of others. An Anglican priest, who would have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination this year, he was a natural ecumenist.

With horizons as broad as the world itself, he was as much at home in Japan, the United States, the Holy Land, and many other parts of the world, as he was in Inkberrow in Worcestershire, to which he retired in 1985.

Educated at St Peter's Hall and Wycliffe Hall in Oxford, and with degrees also from London, Hammer served his title in St Helens in the Liverpool diocese before moving to Durham in 1946 to become senior tutor at St John's College and lecturer in theology in the university. Thus began a lifelong commitment to theological education in general and the training of ordinands in particular. During that time, and with characteristic enthusiasm, he spent the summer vacation of 1947 helping to build a railway in Yugoslavia.

It was there that he met his wife, Vera, who was also a volunteer on the same project. Their marriage in 1949 coincided with leaving Durham and preparation for missionary work together overseas. In 1950 they left England for Japan with the Church Missionary Society, and Hammer became professor in the Central Theological College in Tokyo, and lecturer in St Paul's University.

Japan gave him his enthusiasm for the world's religions, and what became an encyclopaedic knowledge of them, at both popular and academic levels. In 1961 he completed a PhD on Japanese religions for London University, and subsequently published the work in a book entitled *Japan's Religious Ferment*. He must have known the Nippon Sei Ko Kai better than almost any other Englishman, and many of its priests and bishops have been taught by him. In 1954 he was made an honorary canon of Kobe cathedral.

In 1964 the Hammers returned to England and from 1965 to 1977 he was lecturer at Queen's Theological College in Birmingham, and also in the university there. He threw himself into the life of the college with typical vigour and energy, not least into its ecumenical developments, in the first instance with the Methodists in 1970. He taught the Old and New Testaments, doctrine, philosophy of religion, inter-faith dialogue, over which he was later to be an adviser to Archbishop Runcie, and many other things besides. Students of the time will particularly remember his addresses in the college chapel: he adapted C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters* to the promising arena of a community of ordinands in training.

His New Year's Eve parties each year, when he invited the community to enjoy his expert oriental culinary skills, were particularly memorable. The speed and verve of his driving became legendary and were unforgettable to those whose nerves survived the experience.

From 1971 to 1976, while still at Queen's, he led the West Midlands Ministry course, training men and women for the non-stipendiary ministry. In 1977 he was appointed director of the Bible Reading Fellowship, the post he held until his retirement in 1985. This was also a time of great activity and creativity for him as an expositor of the Bible at a popular level; he combined his work for the BRF with lecture tours, summer schools, more work as an examiner of theology at different levels and much writing, including editing the *Reader's Digest* Bible, a project which only came to fruition in 1991.

Retirement, in which he worked as librarian to the Worcester Diocesan Library, did not diminish his activities, until in the last two years increasing ill-health began to force him to slow down. Even then his travel (including leading a parish trip to the Holy Land) continued, and he was still lecturing within a week of his death.

Raymond Hammer is survived by his wife and two daughters.

JARMILA NOVOTNA

Jarmila Novotna, Czech-born American soprano, died on February 9 in New York aged 86. She was born in Prague on September 23, 1907.



THERE can have been few sopranos who have reigned as prima donna at four international houses in succession as did the glamorous, much-feted Novotna. She was, in turn, leading soprano at the Prague National Theatre, the Berlin State Opera, the Vienna State Opera and — finally — from 1940 to 1956 at the Metropolitan, New York, after which she went into well-deserved retirement. Her good looks also ensured a film career which she managed to maintain while keeping up her opera career. A Novotna evening in any theatre ensured the *frisson* that always accompanies a true star.

To have such a busy career Novotna had to begin early. Having played at theatre with her sister and companions as a child, she was determined to become an opera singer. She was lucky enough to be able to study with her great Czech predecessor, Emmy Destinn, who was a friend of her father. Having sung Rosina and Violetta in the Czech provinces, she auditioned for the Prague National and was engaged, making her debut — at only 17 — as Marenka in *The Bartered Bride*. She went to Milan to continue her studies and in 1928 was engaged by Verona to sing opposite Lauri-Volpi in *Rigoletto*. Novotna later recalled not only the terror induced by the great spaces in the Arena but also that she did not have enough money to pay the sums demanded by the Verona claque. Initially she was booed but her voice saw her through and Lauri-Volpi assured his "little Czech girl" that she had arrived on the international scene.

Back in Prague she met the elder Masaryk and was introduced to his son Jan, who was a pianist as well as being a politician. He partnered her in recitals and recorded some Czech folk songs with her later when they were both exiles.

Her debut in Vienna took place in 1928, prompting many offers. In fact, though, she moved to Berlin where she became renowned as Mimi, Butterfly, Marenka, Cherubino and Pamina among other parts, winning consistent praise for her voice and acting. The year 1931 proved important for her. She met and married Baron Daubek and was introduced to Max Reinhardt, who invited her to sing in Offenbach's *La belle Hélène* which he was producing at the Theater am Kurfurstendam in Berlin and then she sang Antonia in Reinhardt's staging of *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*.

In 1933, with the advent of the Nazis, she moved to the Vienna State Opera where her Octavian in *Der Rosenkavalier* was described as "an aristocratic slender young man with laughing eyes and flashing teeth". She was frequently the partner of Tauber in operetta in Vienna. One of their most notable successes together in that city was the première of Lehar's *Giuditta*. The operetta composer had a lifelong ambition for one of his works to open at the State Opera rather than in Vienna's smaller theatres. With *Giuditta*, his nearest approach to a grand opera score, he succeeded — with the help of Tauber and Novotna. He reciprocated by supplying the soprano with a waltz song in the score, which was soon on the lips of Viennese men and boys.

At the Salzburg Festival she sang Countess Alamviva, Fiordiligi and Octavian between 1935 and 1937. But the apex of her career was her Pamina in Toscanini's *Zauberflöte* there in 1937. He persuaded her to go to New York and she made her debut at the Met in 1940 as Mimi. That and her Violetta established her in her new professional home. She appeared with the Met company 141 times. She returned to Salzburg in 1949 as Eurydice and again as Octavian — a live performance of that year's *Der Rosenkavalier* has been preserved on record and shows her accomplishments in the title role.

Jarmila Novotna's poise and beauty made her a natural target for the cinema. She made her first film in Prague while still a teenager and then in Berlin where she was very much part of the intellectual circle revolving around Klemperer at the Kroll Opera and the theatre experiments of Max Reinhardt. These included a *Bartered Bride* directed by Max Ophüls. A later Vienna-made film was based on Lehar's *Frasquita*. On the suggestion of Reinhardt, Louis B. Mayer visited Novotna in Salzburg and waved a $1,000-a-week contract at her. But, probably wisely, she declined. In Paris she filmed *The Last Waltz* to an Oscar Straus score.

Her screen career continued fitfully after the war with a non-singing part in Fred Zinnemann's semi-documentary *The Search* — which had audiences crying. Her final screen appearance was alongside her fellow Met soprano, Dorothy Kirsten, in *The Great Caruso*. But the audience, she ruefully remarked, had eyes and ears only for Mario Lanza.

Throughout her life Jarmila Novotna remained a Czech patriot. During her period of stardom in both Berlin and Vienna she made a point of returning regularly to Prague for appearances in her native city. She was even rewarded with her head on a Czech coin. During the war she and her husband Baron Daubek worked hard for the Czech cause. When peace came they returned to Czechoslovakia to find that their castle in Bohemia had been destroyed by the Russians. Attempts to restore it were thwarted by the incoming Communist government, which quickly requisitioned the property and the Daubeks' remaining possessions. Baron Daubek died in 1981. They had a son and a daughter.

SIR RICHARD LUYT

Sir Richard Luyt, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, 1968-80, and Governor of British Guiana, 1964-66, died in Cape Town on February 12 aged 78. He was born there on November 8, 1915.

RICHARD LUYT came to the post of Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Cape Town in 1968 after a distinguished career in the British Overseas Colonial Service, crowned by his time as Governor of British Guiana during its transition to independence. Thoughtful and quietly authoritative as Luyt's style tended to be, he found himself in conflict with the South African authorities during the 1970s, when he vigorously protested against the detention without trial of students and staff engaged in anti-apartheid activities. Well into his sixties he could be found facing riot police at campus demonstrations.

Luyt's family on his father's side had lived in South Africa for over two centuries. Richard Edmonds Luyt was born in Cape Town. After leaving the Diocesan College, Rondebosch, where he won a Rhodes scholarship, he went up to the University of Cape Town in 1933 to study economics and thence to Trinity College, Oxford, in 1937.

There Luyt was recruited into the Civil Service, but when war broke out he tried to volunteer instead for the Army, thinking he would be more useful fighting. The War Office disagreed, and in July 1940 Luyt was sent out by the Colonial Service to Northern Rhodesia. It was at the discretion of the then governor of the territory, Sir John Mabin, as to how his men should be used and, ironically, Mabin wanted Luyt in the armed forces. Luyt was posted as a sergeant to a 600-strong Ethiopian guerrilla unit. Following the defeat of the Italian forces in Abyssinia in 1941, he spent the rest of the war training Ethiopian troops and putting down insurrections in the region. He was awarded the DCM and was demobilised, in 1945, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

In 1947 Luyt went back to Oxford, where he briefly studied trade unionism and industrial relations in Africa. On his return to Northern Rhodesia he spent six years in the Copperbelt before being posted to Kenya in 1953. There he worked as Labour Commissioner, 1954-57, and then permanent secretary to various ministries until 1962.



He was sent later that year to Northern Rhodesia, where the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland — which had been formed with such high hopes — was breaking up. Once he accepted that its dissolution was inevitable, Luyt, as Chief Secretary in Northern Rhodesia, worked to push matters through to a speedy conclusion and, in 1964, saw Zambia become an independent republic within the Commonwealth.

Luyt was then posted, for the first time, out of Africa, when he was made Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Guiana, during the country's run-up to independence. He came to a potentially explosive situation. There followed four months of arson, rape and murder between the East Indians, led by the colony's Marxist Prime Minister Dr Cheddi Jagan, and the Africans, led by Forbes Burnham. The violence culminated in the murder of a civil servant and seven of his children by a firebomb.

The resulting emergency meeting of the Privy Council in London in June 1964, gave Luyt authority to suspend British Guiana's constitution and assume full emergency powers — which included controlling the radio and press, imposing curfews and threatening those found in possession of "dangerous weapons" (anything from an axe to a stone) with ten years imprisonment. Luyt left newly-independent Guyana in 1966, after six months as its Governor-General, claiming, with typical phlegm, that his time there had been happy.

He took on his new post at the University of Cape Town in 1968 and remained in South Africa for the rest of his life. Outside his university duties, he was a staunch supporter of the End Conscription Committee, maintaining that it was wrong in the South African context to use an army of conscripts to enforce government policy. He also campaigned for the abolition of the death penalty.

Having won a rugby Blue and captained the Oxford cricket XI in 1940, Luyt — a small, solid man — remained an enthusiastic sportsman. He was on the staff cricket team at UCT, president of the cricket club and patron of the rugby club. He kept up his old African friendships, such as with President Kaunda, in retirement, and was invited to the Queen Mother's 80th birthday party in 1980. He was knighted in 1964.

Luyt's first wife died in 1951. He is survived by his second wife Betty, a daughter and a son.

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From Our Correspondent

SINGAPORE, Feb. 14

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The Governor's yacht, the Seabelle, entered the dock at 5.30p.m. and secured to the wall, the escorting warships, Duncan and Diamond, following and making fast at the opposite end. The presence of these three ships and the escorting R.N.V.R. vessels served to indicate the enormous size of the graving dock, which Colonel J.J. Llewellin, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, declared to be big enough to accommodate any warship likely to be built in the future. After the guard of honour had been inspected and the engineers of the base introduced, the Governor was asked by Colonel Llewellin to name the dock.

Colonel Llewellin said it was a wonderful achievement, not only of the British nation, but also of the people of other races who played a part in its construction, that in so short a time so strong and complete a base had been erected in the island. To none would its progress be more gratifying than to Lord Monsell, who was largely responsible for the continuation of the project. After welcoming the Rulers of the Malay States, he said:

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The Governor, naming the dock, referred to it as a "great enterprise for peace begun nearly 15 years ago," and described the transformation of the area on which it is built from jungle and swamp. It was well known, he continued, that 2,400 acres of land were presented to the Imperial Government free, but it was less well known to what extent Malaya shared the burden of Imperial defence. In nearly 40 years the Colony had voted for defence millions of dollars in excess of the cost of its own volunteers.

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Provocation point for jury

Regina v Cambridge

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Mitchell

[Judgment February 14]

At a murder trial, even when provocation was not canvassed and was contrary to defence contentions and counsel on both sides had accepted that the jury's only possible verdicts were not guilty or guilty of murder, nevertheless it was a question for the judge whether there was evidence on which the jury could properly find that the defendant was in fact, or might have been, provoked to lose his self-control.

If the judge decided that there was such evidence he was obliged by section 3 of the Homicide Act 1957 to leave provocation to the jury, even though he might believe that no reasonable man would have reacted as the defendant did.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when substituting a verdict of manslaughter and a six-year prison sentence for the verdict of murder and life imprisonment at the trial of David John Cambridge, aged 27, before Mr Justice Macpherson and a jury at Bristol Crown Court on February 13, 1992.

Section 3 provides: "Where on a charge of murder there is evidence on which the jury can find that the person charged was provoked (whether by things done or by things said or by both together) to lose his self-control, the question whether the provocation was enough to make a reasonable man do as he did, shall be left to be determined by the jury."

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC and Mr Michael Roach, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Roderick Denyer, QC and Mr Ian Bullock for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the victim, Martin Hopes, known as "Dot" was fatally stabbed in a Bristol public house after there had been several arguments. One of them involved the appellant's girlfriend, Maria, who had been called a slag by another man. At that stage the appellant did not rise to that incitement. Then there were words between the appellant and the deceased, who was said to have said that if it were him he would have hit her. The appellant then replied: "If it just comes down to me and you then, Dot . . ."

After that the appellant, the deceased and a man called Davis left the bar and went into the foyer. It was clear that the deceased was stabbed while in the foyer. There was no evidence that anyone other than the appellant attacked or was in a struggle with the deceased.

The appellant's defence was "not me" and there was no suggestion that he was provoked into attacking the deceased.

The third and more substantial ground of appeal was that the judge ought to have left provocation to the jury as an issue for their consideration. Provocation was not raised on behalf of the defence. Indeed, it would have been inconsistent with the appellant's contention that he was not the assailant.

A line of authority went back to 1915. His Lordship referred to *R v Hopper* ([1915] 2 KB 431); *Mancini v DPP* ([1942] AC 1); *Bullard v The Queen* ([1961] 1 WLR 1372); *R v Camplin* ([1978] AC 705) and *R v Rossiter* ([1992] 95 Cr App R 326) and said that their Lordships could not agree with Mr Denyer's submission that, where a defendant's case was that he was not there or it was not his hand which killed the deceased, if the defence did not rely on provocation, the judge did not need to leave that issue to the jury. The authorities cited drew no such distinction.

Moreover, by way of example, a defendant might rely on alibi while the prosecution witnesses identifying him as the killer might describe provocative acts or words followed by an apparent loss of self-control by the defendant. In such a case, it would manifestly be wrong, if the alibi were rejected, for the jury to convict of murder without considering provocation.

So, even though the defence might prefer provocation not to be raised, fearing it might be a distraction offering the jury a possible compromise verdict, the judge had to leave it to the jury if there was evidence.

What sort of evidence gave rise to the duty? Clearly it was not for the judge to conjure up a speculative possibility of a defence which was not relied on and was unrealistic: see *Fazal* (at p332).

There had to be some evidence, but of what strength? In *Bullard* the phrase used was "any evidence . . . fit to be left to the jury".

True, in *Camplin* Lord Diplock used the phrase "however slight" but that was used to describe the measure of the provocative acts or words, not the strength of the evidence that such acts or words in fact occurred and caused the defendant to lose his self-control.

Likewise, in *Rossiter*, when Lord Justice Russell referred to "material capable of amounting to provocation, however tenuous it may be", the word "tenuous" described the provocative acts and words, not the evidence of their existence.

Provocation had two limbs: (1) whether things said or done or both caused the defendant to lose his self-control; and (2) whether those things might have caused a reasonable man to have reacted similarly.

The starting point was whether there was evidence on which the jury could find the defendant was in fact provoked to lose his self-control. That was a question for the judge. There had to be evidence on limb (1) from which a reasonable jury might properly conclude that the defendant was in fact provoked to lose his self-control.

If the judge decided that there was not such evidence, he ought not to leave provocation to the jury. On the other hand, if he concluded there was such evidence on the first limb, the statute obliged him to leave provocation to the jury, even if he himself believed the circumstances to be such that no reasonable man would have reacted as the defendant did.

Mr Gray submitted that there was such evidence. The appellant had been incited by Marie to take up her cause but at that stage her attempt was unsuccessful. Then the deceased goaded the appellant further by saying "If it were me, I'd have hit her." The appellant's riposte seems to have been "If it just comes down to you and me then, Dot ..." Thus there was evidence to suggest that the appellant had in fact been roused or provoked.

He, the deceased and Davis then went into the foyer where the fatal blows were struck. The jury found that the appellant struck them. That being so, something must have prompted him to do so.

In their Lordships' judgment there was clearly material from which the jury might reasonably have concluded that the appellant lost his self-control as a result of things said and done in the bar and possibly in the foyer.

Their Lordships well understood the judge's reluctance to leave to the jury an issue which had not been canvassed, which was contrary to the defence contentions and where counsel on both sides had accepted that the jury's only possible verdicts were not guilty or guilty of murder.

Their Lordships were clearly of the view that it was an issue which ought to have been left to the jury. It was not possible to say what the outcome would have then been.

The verdict of murder could not stand. The jury clearly found that the appellant had unlawfully killed the deceased. Accordingly their Lordships substituted a verdict of manslaughter.

Solicitors: CPS, Bristol.

No allowance on central heating

Melluish (Inspector of Taxes) v BMI (No 3) Ltd and related appeals

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment January 27]

Expenditure incurred by finance companies on central heating equipment that they then leased to local authorities for installation in council houses did not qualify for capital allowances under section 44(1) of the Finance Act 1971.

On installation in a tenanted house the finance company ceased to have a proprietary interest in such equipment so that it could not be said to belong to them. However, different considerations applied to other items of leased equipment such as lifts and alarm systems that were installed on local authority land that made the expenditure on them by the finance companies qualify for allowances.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in a reserved judgment in allowing to a substantial extent the Crown's appeals from determinations by special commissioners who had upheld claims for allowances under section 44 made by BMI (No 3) Ltd and four other finance companies, all subsidiaries of Mercantile Group plc.

Section 44 of the 1971 Act (see now section 24 of the Capital Allowances Act 1990) provided: "(1) . . . where — (a) a person carrying on a trade has incurred capital expenditure on the provision of machinery or plant for the purposes of the trade, and (b) in consequence of his incurring the expenditure, the machinery belongs, or has belonged, to him . . . allowances and charges shall be made to and on him . . ."

Between 1983 and 1988 the taxpayer companies executed 201 leases with local authorities, of which 180 related to central heating equipment, the others to swimming pool equipment, crematorium furnaces, boilers, car park lifts and door entry systems. The leasing agreements circumvented the authorities needs to incur expenditure of some £23 million on capital account.

The taxpayer companies would authorise a local authority, acting as agent, to acquire and pay for the equipment required. The taxpayer companies would then reimburse the local authority and the equipment would be leased for a rent on terms set out in lease schedules incorporated in a 10-year master lease.

Thereby it was agreed that equipment would remain "personal or movable property" which would continue to be owned by the taxpayer company notwithstanding that it might become affixed to local authority land or buildings.

Mr James Munby, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown: Mr Graham Aaronson, QC and Mr Paul Morgan, QC for the taxpayer companies.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that it was not disputed that the taxpayer companies all carried on a trade and had incurred capital expenditure on the provision of plant for the purposes of that trade. The only question was whether in consequence of the incurring of the expenditure the plant could be said to "belong or have belonged" to them.

If the provisions of section 44 were not satisfied, the further question arose as to whether in any case where the expenditure was incurred after July 11, 1984 a taxpayer company was entitled to an allowance under section 59 of and Schedule 17 to the Finance Act 1985.

Contrary to the Crown's case, a distinction had to be made between cases where equipment was installed on land occupied by a local authority and those where it was installed in council houses.

Mr Munby argued: (1) in all cases equipment when installed became part of the local authority's land and (2) having become part of the local authority's land the installation belonged to the local authority as the owner of the land. A taxpayer company, it was said, had no estate or interest in the land and therefore no legal title or proprietary right to the installation.

Proposition (1) was well founded. Judged by objective criteria the equipment became part of a local authority's land.

But proposition (2) did not follow from (1). "Belong" and "belonging" were not terms of art. They were ordinary English words. The equipment installed on a local authority's land was aptly described as "belonging" to the taxpayer company who had paid for it, was entitled to rent for it and had the right to remove it on expiry of the lease. A local authority had no right to retain the equipment except during the term and on payment of rent.

But where central heating was installed in council houses the position was radically different. The tenant of a council house had a legal estate in the land. A tenant of a house where central heating equipment was installed was in the position of a *bona fide* purchaser for value. He enjoyed his tenancy free from any right of a taxpayer company to enter and remove the heating system.

The terms of the master lease, so far as they conferred a right of entry on a taxpayer company or for severance and delivery up of equipment or so far as they provided that equipment was to be treated as in the ownership of a taxpayer company were wholly inapt as regards installations in council houses.

Once leased heating equipment had been installed in a house that was in the possession of a tenant a taxpayer company ceased to have any proprietary interest in it and section 44 could not apply to the expenditure on it.

Section 59 of the Finance Act 1985 applied Schedule 17 to determine entitlement to allowances for expenditure on plant which was fixed to land so as to become part of it. However, the taxpayer companies could not satisfy the provisions in paragraph 3(1)(d) of Schedule 17 and thus were not entitled to any allowances thereunder.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Denton Hall.

Restoring prolix pleadings

Morris v Wiltshire

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Steyn

[Judgment February 3]

Lengthy pleadings in a defamation action composed by a litigant personally which disclosed a cause of action in a wealth of prolixity could not be struck out either under Order 18, rule 19(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court on the ground that they might prejudice, embarrass or delay a fair trial or under the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Roland Morris, from the order of Judge Peter Fallon, sitting as a High Court judge at Bristol District Registry in May 1992, to uphold a district judge's decision that the statement of claim against the defendant, Mr John Wiltshire, be struck out.

Mr Morris in person; Mr Harry Boggis-Rolfe for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the district judge held that the statement of claim, neatly typed and of the plaintiff's own making, did disclose a reasonable cause of action albeit that it was well hidden in a wealth of prolixity, it being difficult to understand and get at the issues.

The district judge said the court should not have to plough through the document and it was struck out on the ground that it might prejudice or embarrass the fair trial of the action because of its prolixity. Confirming that order, Judge Fallon said that it was impossible to extract what it was the plaintiff was driving at.

The case of a statement of claim that disclosed a reasonable cause of action but which was nevertheless to be struck out in its entirety on the ground that it might prejudice, embarrass or delay the fair trial was not wholly inconceivable but it was not properly made out in the instant case.

The judge had erred in principle. The statement of claim was expressed throughout in entirely clear terms. Perhaps it was wordy but it made clear that the plaintiff was alleging defamation against Mr Wiltshire. It was true that certain paragraphs in the pleading could only be relied on by the plaintiff for limited purposes but that was not a reason for striking it out in its entirety.

It was impossible to describe the statement of claim as the judge and district judge had done. The plaintiff had pleaded a cause of action which he was entitled to bring.

Lord Justice Steyn agreed.

Solicitors: Clarke, Wilmott & Clarke, Bristol.

Trader can rely on inspector's certificate

Carrick District Council v Taunton Vale Meat Traders Ltd

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith

[Judgment January 28]

Nothing in section 21(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990 prevented a meat trader from relying on a meat inspector's certificate, if it was otherwise reasonable so to do, to show that he had taken all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of an offence under section 8(1) of the Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Carrick District Council against the quashing by Truro Crown Court on May 19, 1992 of the conviction of Taunton Vale Meat Traders Ltd by Falmouth and Kerrier Justices under section 8(1) for consigning on or about February 21, 1991 to another person, for the purpose of preparation for sale, beef which was unfit for human consumption.

Mr Roderick L. Denyer, QC and Mr Peter M. Ashman for the council; Mr Henry Blacksell for Taunton Vale.

MRS JUSTICE SMITH said that the company had supplied to meat processors a carcass which had been wrongly stamped as fit for human consumption by an authorised meat inspector for East Devon District Council. Nothing had suggested that the inspector's competence as a whole was suspect and the company dealt with him at arm's length.

Carrick District Council, relying on *dicta* of Lord Diplock in *Tesco Supermarkets Ltd v Nattrass* ([1972] AC 154, 197F), submitted that a defendant could not succeed in the "due diligence" defence under section 21(1) of the 1990 Act unless he could show that he had devised an independent and effective system to avoid acts or defaults by his servants and that his system was working in practice.

Mr Denyer submitted that the defendant could not rely, as part of that system, on the action of a person such as the meat inspector. The system had to be wholly dependent on the defendant and his employees.

Her Ladyship rejected that submission. It was a question of fact in each case whether there was due diligence but, as a matter of law, a court was not precluded by the words of section 21(1) from holding that where a meat trader placed reliance on a meat inspector's certificate and it was reasonable so to do, due diligence had been made out.

Solicitors: Mr John P. Winskill, Truro: Clarke Willmott & Clarke, Taunton.

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LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that in the present case the views and wishes of the children were already in the public domain. The additional information was not crucial to the decision and need not have been treated as confidential.

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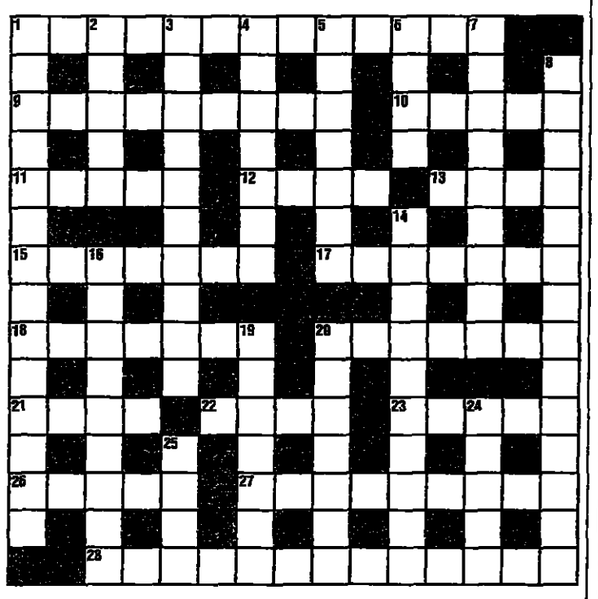
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1 They were believed to control Winston (7,6).
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10 Black out from being drunk – a chancy business (5).
11 In time, Christian is accepted by prejudiced young lady (5).
12 From parrot, expected repetition (4).
13 Two girls share (4).
15 Criticise wine taken from bond (7).
17 Sort of creature that's seen in glasses (7).
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21 Culturally pretentious, but my follower is oddly moved (4).
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2 Moving to the end of the course, the head is on target, just (5).
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4 Tawdry covering for plain fabric (7).
5 Greek who gave no peace to opponents (7).
6 Turn over in bed perhaps (4).
7 Went topless, offering drinks and giving embraces (9).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Aultbea, Highland 7C (45F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Gatwick Airport 0.01in highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian 8.1hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Further snowfall is expected across much of England and Wales during the day, with some blizzard conditions for a time over higher ground. During the morning the snow will turn showery over Wales and southern England and is likely slowly to turn to sleet or rain at lower levels.

It will feel less cold as the strong southeasterly winds moderate. Snow flurries over Scotland and Northern Ireland will turn more persistent during the afternoon, although the persistent snow will not reach northern Scotland until the evening. Again blizzard conditions can be expected at times over the mountains.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Central N England:** Snow at first, turning more showery, dry later. Wind south to southeast fresh, moderate later. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, Wales:** Snow at first, turning showery, dry later. Wind mainly south light to moderate. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N E England, Borders, S W Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** Snow becoming more persistent, showery later. Wind mainly southeast fresh becoming moderate later. Max 2C (36F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** Snow flurries becoming more persistent later. Wind southeast strong. Max 2C (36F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Clear and sunny intervals and snow flurries. Wind southeast strong. Max 1C (34F).

☐ **Outlook:** Many areas will be dry on Wednesday but further rain is expected on Thursday.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY. t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	4	39	c	London	0.3	-	3	37	sn
Anglesey	8.0	-	5	41	s	Lowestoft	1.3	-	2	36	c
Aspatria	4.1	-	4	39	s	Manchester	-	-	2	36	sn
Aviemore	6.7	-	4	39	s	Margate	X	-	3	37	du
Belfast	-	-	3	37	c	Minehead	X	-	4	39	sn
Birmingham	-	-	2	36	c	Morecambe	3.0	-	3	37	b
Bognor R	2.1	-	3	37	c	Newcastle	-	-	3	37	sn
Bournem'th	3.8	-	5	41	s	Newquay	X				
Bristol	2.1	-	3	37	c	Norwich	1.7	-	2	36	sn
Buxton	-	-	0	32	c	Nottingham	0.5	-	1	34	c
Cardiff	4.6	-	4	39	b	Penzance	-	-	6	43	du
Claxton	0.3	-	3	37	sl	Plymouth	2.4	-	6	43	c
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	3.9	-	4	39	s
Colwyn Bay	3.2	-	3	37	c	Ross-o-wye	1.8	-	3	37	c
Cromer	2.1	-	1	34	b	Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	-	-	4	39	c	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	3.7	-	5	41	sh	Sandown	0.1	-	4	39	c
Eskdalemuir	3.1	-	2	36	s	Saumn Snd	5.2	-	6	43	s
Exmouth	2.8	-	4	39	b	Scarboro'	1.0	0.01	2	36	sl
Falmouth	X	-	6	43	c	Scilly Isles	-	-	6	43	c
Folkestone	-	-	3	37	c	Shanklin	1.3	-	3	37	c
Glasgow	4.8	-	5	41	s	Skegness	1.9	-	3	37	c
Guernsey	3.4	-	6	43	b	Southend	-	-	3	37	du
Hastings	-	-	3	37	sn	Southport	1.6	-	3	37	sn
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	1.6	-	3	37	sl
Heme Bay	-					Stornoway	6.5	-	5	41	s
Hove	1.0	-	3	37	sl	Swanage	1.1	-	4	39	c
Hunstanton	2.6	-	2	36	b	Teignmouth	1.8	-	5	41	c
Isle of Man	1.4	-	5	41	c	Tenby	3.7	-	4	39	b
Jersey	6.7	-	5	41	s	Tiree	0.9	-	5	41	c
Kinloss	8.1	-	6	43	s	Torquay	2.1	-	7	45	b
Leeds	-	0.01	2	36	sn	Tynemouth	-	-	3	37	du
Lerwick	-	-	4	39	du	Ventnor	1.1	-	3	37	sl
Lauchars	-	-	3	37	sh	West-s-mare	4.3	-	3	37	s
Littlehmptn	1.6	-	3	37	c	Weymouth	4.5	-	5	41	s
Liverpool	1.7	-	3	37	b	Wick	X				

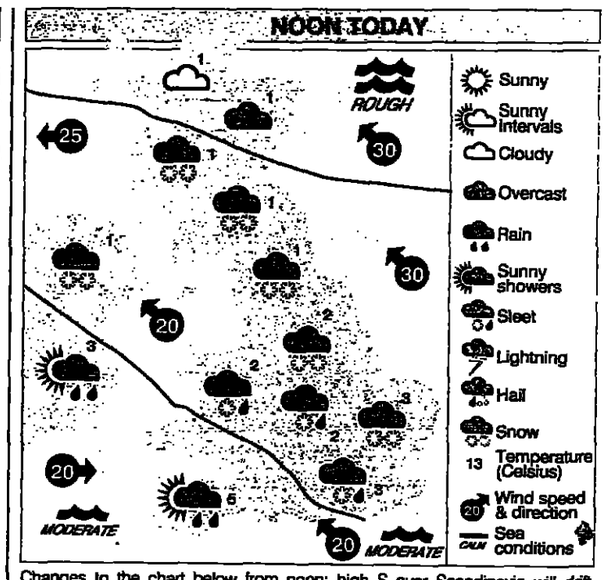
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Alicante	16	61	s	Corfu	9	48	r	Malta	14	57	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Dublin	1	34	c	Melb'rne	28	82	f
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	7	45	c	Miami	27	81	f
Amst'dm	-3	27	s	Faro	13	55	f	Milan	2	36	s
Athens	7	45	f	Florence	1	34	s	Montreal	-3	27	sn
Bahrain	30	86	s	Frankfurt	-2	28	s	Moscow	-11	12	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	16	61	f	Munich	-5	23	f
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	-1	30	s	Nairobi	26	77	f
Barcelona	10	50	c	Gibraltar	13	55	c	Naples	9	48	f
Beirut	16	61	f	Helsinki	-7	19	s	N Delhi	23	73	s
Belgrade	-5	23	c	Hong K	21	70	s	N York	1	34	c
Berlin	-4	25	s	Innsbrck	-3	27	s	Nice	8	46	f
Bermuda	22	72	f	Istanbul	2	36	sn	Oslo	-11	12	s
Biarritz	4	39	s	Jeddah	26	79	s	Paris	-2	28	f
Bord'x	2	36	c	Jo'burg	20	68	f	Peking	-1	30	c
Brussels	-2	28	c	La Toquet	-2	28	s	Perth	23	73	s
Budapst	-3	27	s	Lisbon	12	54	f	Prague	-6	21	s
B Aires	27	81	f	Locarno	2	36	f	Reykjavik	1	34	c
Cairo	20	68	s	L Angels	18	64	f	Rhodes	14	57	f
Cape Tn	31	88	s	Luxemlog	-3	27	s	Rio de J	32	90	f
Chicago	-4	25	s	Lyons	22	72	s	Riyadh	24	75	s
Ch'church	14	57	d	Madrid	9	48	f	Rome	10	50	s
Cologne	-2	28	s	Majorca	13	55	c	Salzburg	-5	23	f

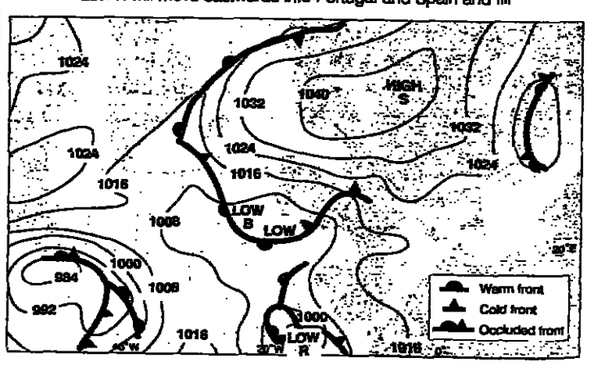
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S Paulo	28	82	f	Strasb'rg	0	32	s
Seoul	4	39	s	Sydney	27	81	s
Strg'por	30	86	t	Tangier	13	55	f
Stkholm	-6	18	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Tenerife	20	68	f	Tokyo	7	45	s
Toronto	-5	23	s	Tunis	13	55	f
Valencia	16	61	s	Vanc'ver	6	43	c
Venice	1	34	s	Vienna	-5	23	s
Warsaw	-5	23	s	Wash'ton	1	34	c
Wel'ngton	18	64	f	Zurich	-5	23	s

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high S over Scandinavia will drift southeastwards and decline. Complex low B will drift slowly northwards and fill. Low R will move eastwards into Portugal and Spain and fill



HIGH/LOW

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.26	7.00	4.49	6.91	Liverpool	1.40	8.61	1.57	8.94
Aberdeen	3.58	3.95	4.04	4.09	Lowestoft	——	——	12.28	2.25
Avonmouth	8.50	12.58	10.00	12.24	Margate	2.27	4.84	2.54	4.42
Belfast	1.34	3.29	1.48	3.44	Milford Haven	8.54	6.61	9.06	6.33
Cardiff	9.35	11.65	9.45	11.35	Newquay	7.46	5.60	7.59	6.40
Devonport	8.17	5.20	8.34	5.00	Oban	8.15	3.80	8.17	3.70
Dover	1.27	6.51	1.41	6.16	Penzance	7.21	5.30	7.39	5.10
Falmouth	7.47	5.00	8.04	4.80	Portland	9.13	1.90	9.25	1.70
Glasgow	3.33	4.70	3.45	4.90	Portsmouth	1.50	4.60	2.03	4.40
Harwich	2.16	3.89	2.38	3.74	Shoreham	1.50	6.04	1.57	5.80
Holyhead	12.46	5.14	7.00	5.30	Southampton	1.23	4.32	1.31	4.21
Hull	8.56	6.92	9.08	7.35	Swansea	8.55	8.87	9.05	8.54
Ilfracombe	8.33	8.73	8.44	8.45	Tees	6.22	4.90	6.26	5.11
King's Lynn	9.03	8.10	9.06	8.30	Wilton-on-Nze	2.09	4.15	2.33	3.98
Leith	5.20	5.11	5.35	5.20					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.15 am
Sun sets: 5.15pm
Moon sets 11.00 pm
Moon rises 8.34 am

London 5.15 pm to 7.15 am
Bristol 5.25 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 5.16 pm to 7.39 am
Manchester 5.18 pm to 7.28 am
Penzance 5.40 pm to 7.34 am

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15 1994

Lloyd's names gamble on winning court actions

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S names have overwhelmingly rejected the insurance market's £900 million settlement offer, gambling instead on receiving bigger payouts from the courts.

Lloyd's received acceptances for only £342 million, or 38 per cent — a far cry from the minimum of £630 million required for the offer to go unconditional. Of the 23,488 litigating and non-litigating names included in the offer, 12,103 accepted the offer. But many of these were offered only small sums.

The settlement package, unveiled last December, was an attempt by Lloyd's to end a string of legal actions. However, it was branded "inadequate" in relation to the £3.2 billion of losses incurred up to the 1990 year of account, the years covered by the initiative.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said: "I regret the final result. I am particularly sorry for those members of the society not presently litigating."

The offer was heavily weighted in favour of LMX syndicates, such as Gooda Walker and Feltrim. As a result, Mr Rowland said, "it was those syndicate action groups who, by not accepting the offer and so indicating their determination to continue litigation, exerted most influence on the outcome".

Litigating Gooda Walker and Feltrim names held the fate of the offer in their hands, as they were offered £220 million and £237.5 million respectively. The sticking point for many names was that acceptance of the offer required them to hand over their legal rights while not providing them with a cap on future losses.

The degree of support for the offer from litigating names is impossible to discern, as Lloyd's has not provided a breakdown of the figures. Roughly two-thirds of the names included in the offer are thought to be members of action groups; Lloyd's would be expected to receive support from the 7,000-or so names who are not pursuing litigation. On this basis, it appears that about 5,000 litigating names may have opted to accept the offer.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents more than 3,000 litigating names, said: "The purpose of the offer is to settle the litigations and I think it's very regrettable that Lloyd's doesn't distinguish in its figures between those who are litigating and those who are not ... the outcome shows that the great majority of members of action groups would prefer to litigate."

The action group, which is first in a long queue of legal actions, is due in court in April. The names are suing more than 70 Lloyd's agents for losses totalling £580 million — more than double what they were offered in the settlement package.

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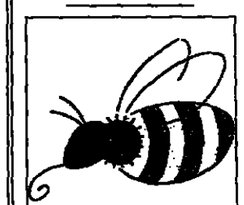


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Almost a quarter of National & Provincial's income came from insurance and other financial services
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Fokker, the Dutch aircraft group, has been forced by recession to cut jobs and output
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CBI survey dents hopes for recovery

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

Factory gate prices rose by less than expected in January, but at the same time the Confederation of British Industry says that retail sales slowed markedly from December

BRITAIN'S still-patchy economic recovery is underlined today by figures from the Confederation of British Industry showing high street sales slowed markedly last month.

While Government statistics on factory-gate prices yesterday showed a lower-than-expected rise, the CBI's cautionary note coincides with a warning from a leading credit insurer that rising late payment and debt indicated the recovery was losing momentum.

The slowdown in high street sales indicated by the CBI's latest distributive trades survey is revealed before a series of key economic statistics on output, borrowing, inflation, unemployment and earnings, which ministers hope will indicate a clear recovery from recession.

In advance of official figures tomorrow on retail sales, the CBI's survey shows that shoppers followed a late spurt in pre-Christmas buying by reining in spending in January, despite the New Year sales.

Though business increased moderately in January, the increase was the slowest for a year, the CBI said.

A balance of 24 per cent of retailers — those reporting an increase against those registering a decline — had expected a rise in the volume of high street sales, but in fact only a balance of 15 per cent of those surveyed recorded a rise.

The rate of increase was much less than in December, when the balance stood at 34 per cent, and sales are regarded by a balance of 15 per cent of retailers as being below normal for the time of year. Sales this month are expected to be only slightly higher than last month. The CBI says stock levels remain "excessive".

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, says: "Although retail sales increased further in the year to January, it was the weakest year-on-year rise since January of last year and the figures highlight the patchy nature of recovery from month to month."

While booksellers, stationers, grocers and shoe shops are among those showing the best improvements, specialist food shops, confectioners and hardware, china and DIY retailers all report volumes down on a year ago. Other traders say growth is slow.

Growth in wholesalers' volumes rose in January at a similar rate to that in December. Motor traders saw their best month in January in terms of volume of sales growth since August 1988, with a balance of half of all motor traders reporting higher sales. The CBI's survey covered more than 500 distributive trades companies.

Trade Indemnity, the leading credit insurer, gave warning that the recovery was now progressing only very slowly. For the first time, TI said no companies surveyed could report being paid on time, with 10 per cent of smaller companies having at least £100,000-worth of invoices outstanding for more than 30 days beyond their due date.

TI said previously favourable trends in late payment now seemed to have been reversed, with underused capacity holding back necessary investment. Barbara Bennett of TI said: "The recovery is not dead, but it could die from lack of encouragement."

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, said last night that further big savings in public sector spending could still be made if greater use was made of methods commonly used in industry.



Dog of a year: Taiwan's stock market reopened yesterday after a week-long holiday for Chinese New Year. Despite the trader dressed as the god of good fortune, Far East markets, fearing a Japan-US trade war, started the Year of the Dog with steep falls

Low factory gate prices beat City expectations

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

COST pressures in industry remain comfortably low, justifying last week's tiny cut in base rates as well as giving scope for more rate cuts this year if the economy slows under the hammer of tax rises.

Each measure of producer-price inflation released yesterday by the Central Statistical Office topped City expectations, underlining the deflationary forces still at work at home and abroad.

The figures were particularly impressive because many manufacturers alter list prices in January.

The CSO said the price of goods leaving the factory gate rose only 0.3 per cent in January, against a 0.5 per cent rise in December, and depressing the annual rate of output price inflation to 3.7 from 4 per cent. Excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol, a measure that gives a good guide to underlying trends, the annual rate of output price inflation dropped to 2.6 from 2.9 per cent in December.

Input prices, the price of raw materials, fell 0.2 per cent, giving a negative inflation rate of 2.5 per cent, the biggest since June 1992.

Dyke likely to leave LWT if Granada bid succeeds

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

GREG Dyke, chief executive of LWT (Holdings), the London weekend broadcaster under takeover threat from Granada Group, intends to quit if the bid is successful, colleagues believe.

Mr Dyke was pressed on his plans for the future as LWT published its latest defence document, which emphasised the £75 million-plus of shares owned by LWT's board and management, which are opposing the bid.

Granada has said that while the company envisages no future for Sir Christopher Bland, the LWT chairman, it is keen to keep as many as possible of the 39 executives who have benefited from LWT's highly profitable share option scheme and does not expect a wholesale walk-out.

That option scheme has provided a number of them with what LWT terms "go-to-hell money," the financial means to quit if Granada takes control. Sir Christopher's stake is worth £14 million, and Mr Dyke's almost £9 million. Mr Dyke yesterday refused to comment. "We decided early on we wouldn't hold a gun to our shareholders' heads," he said.

One-in-eight chance for Lottery contenders

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

EIGHT bids to run what promises to be the world's biggest lottery were yesterday delivered to the Office of the National Lottery (Ofiot).

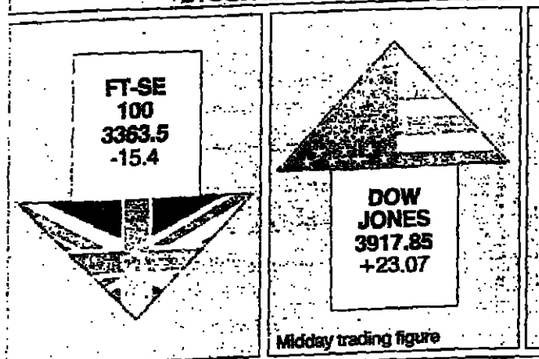
Contenders by the noon deadline were those that had publicly stated an intention to seek the licence for a business expected to be worth £4 billion a year. No dark horses appeared, only Desert Orchid, the racehorse, accompanying papers from the UK Lottery Foundation, formed by Richard Branson and Lord Young of Graffham, the only bid foreseeing all profits going to good causes.

Other bidders are Camelot (Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, ICL, Racal and G-Tech, the American lottery equipment expert; Enterprise Lottery (GEC, Tote, Thorn EMI); The Great British Lottery Company (Granada, Vodafone, Carlton Communications, Associated Newspapers and Hambros Bank); Lotco (A Rank Organisation associate); The Rothschild Tattersalls Lottery Company (NM Rothschild and Tattersall's, the Australian lottery operator); Games for Good Causes (Ladbrokes, MAI); and Rainbow (BAT, Leo Burnett).

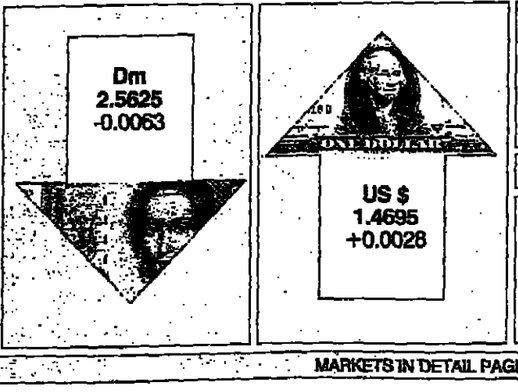
Peter Davis, Ofiot director-general, said that he hoped to pick the winner in May, so that the lottery could start late this year, or early next.

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Greig buy boosts King & Shaxson

By Martin Flanagan

GREIG Middleton, the private-client broker facing potential litigation and regulatory action, is to lose its independence to King & Shaxson, the money broker and discount house, in an agreed £18.5 million takeover.

The deal propels K&S into the fee-earning sector. About 60 per cent of Greig Middleton's business is with private clients, and its corporate finance arm, responsible for another 20 per cent of earnings, has specialised in restructuring investment trusts.

David Pearce, chairman of K&S, said: "The acquisition will bring together two well-respected names within the financial community with complementary strengths, creating a strong, well-balanced group." It was increasingly "the way of the world for a private-client broker to be part of a larger group".

Mr Pearce was unworried about potential litigation, relating to Greig Middleton's 1991 sponsorship of an enterprise-zone trust launch, which raised £10.7 million for investment in London's Docklands. The 325 investors who contributed £9.4 million have threatened legal action against the broker over claimed losses.

If Greig, which is contesting the claim, loses a legal battle, K&S will pay less. Greig also says it will defend two stated cases brought by the Securities and Futures Authority alleging breaches relating to disclosures in regulated publications and the conduct of staff.

Greig Middleton, which in its last trading year made profits of £2.9 million, has 11 offices in Britain and the Channel Islands. It has 14,000 private clients, and manages funds of £2 billion.

Mark Kemp-Gee, chairman of Greig Middleton, Mark Sherriff, deputy chairman, and Norman Andrews, managing director, will join the K&S board. K&S, which saw interim profits fall to £761,908 (£3.09 million), is issuing 12 million ordinary shares, of which 4.8 million will not be issued for three years. Part of the consideration will be in K&S loan stock, convertible into 5.6 million new shares.

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Britain adopting 'Victorian' type of employee relations

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN is approaching a pre-trade-union, Victorian version of employee relations as employees' influence at work declines, a Government-funded study suggests.

The study, which is issued today, has been supported by the Department of Employment and a range of other organisations. It concludes that workplace relations in Britain seem to be moving towards treatment of non-managerial employees as "factors of production".

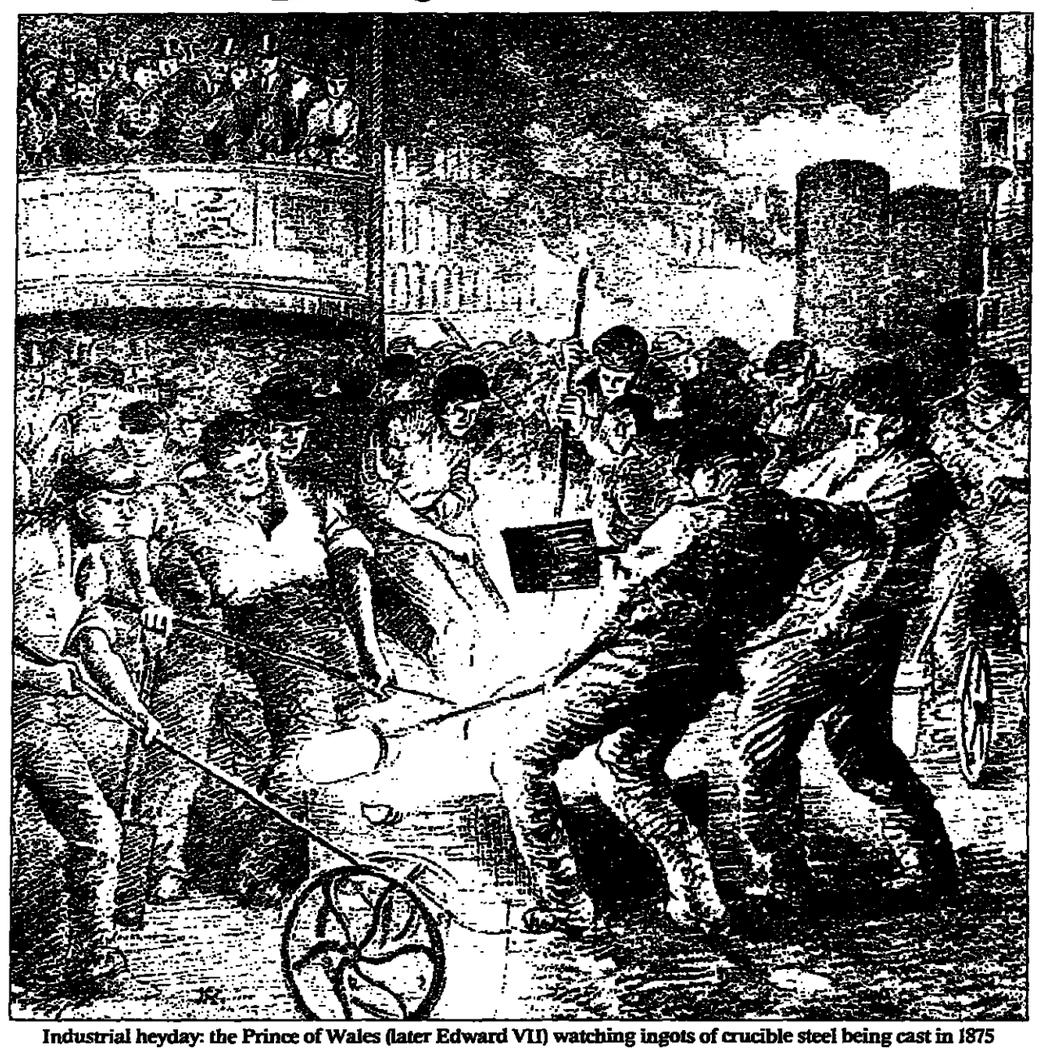
The New Industrial Relations, part of the Government-sponsored Workplace Industrial Relations Survey (WIRS) — a series of large-scale studies, running since 1980, which has been copied in several other countries — says there is little evidence of a growth of progressive management practices in British industry and commerce.

It says: "Britain is approaching the position where few employees have any mechanism through which they can contribute to the operation of their workplace in a broader context than that of their own job."

Growth in inequality in wages and earnings, which the study says is greater in Britain than almost all other developed economies, is matched by a "widening in inequalities of influence" at work and access to key employment decisions.

The study, based on interviews with almost 5,000 managers at a representative sample of 2,000 workplaces across the country, accepts that some see this as a welcome sign that Britain is moving towards the type of unregulated labour market that economic success requires. But others, it says, see it as "a reversion towards the type of economy that gave rise to the birth of trade unionism in the last century".

The WIRS series is widely regarded as having tracked accurately the widespread changes in employee relations in Britain since the Conservatives came to power in 1979, including falling trade union membership and density (the proportion of a workforce in unions), declining coverage of collective bargaining and a sharp growth of union derecognition — removal of unions from employers' operations.



Industrial heyday: the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) watching ingots of crucible steel being cast in 1875

Neil Millward, a senior fellow at the Policy Studies Institute, an independent think-tank that has co-sponsored the report, said he saw "no signs" that such trends were not accelerating. He did not believe the decline in trade unionism was levelling out.

The study finds little evidence of widespread adoption in British industry of no-strikes, single-union deals that caused unions difficulty in the 1980s. However, it finds increasing signs of the growth of so-called "human resources management" (HRM) — US-style personnel practices that tend to focus on companies' relations with individual employees.

Trade union leaders are likely to seize on the report's conclusion that such practices are more common in the unionised than in the non-union sector of the economy as evidence that one of the principal, though rarely explicit, intentions of employers in adopting HRM techniques is to subvert unions' presence at the workplace by "killing them with kindness".

Unpublished information gathered for the study gives, for the first time, an indication of what happens to trade union membership when an employer fully derecognises a union.

It shows that membership density averaged 54 per cent before derecognition but dropped as low as 15 per cent some time after unions had been derecognised and collective bargaining removed. A separate survey by Industrial Relations Services, also out today, shows that 25 of a sample of 98 companies surveyed had derecognised unions, giving support to WIRS findings that derecognition has affected about 20 per cent of workplaces.

☐ British industry needs more postgraduates if it is to compete in fast-changing product markets, a report by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research says.

Business Roundup

US firm creates 450 jobs in Midlands coalfield

AN American-owned company is creating more than 450 jobs in the Nottinghamshire coalfield, which has been devastated by pit closures. Johnson Controls, which has a worldwide workforce of 50,000, is to build a factory to make car-seat covers in the Oakham Business Park, in Mansfield. More than 15 per cent of the working population in the Mansfield area, almost 9,000 people, are without jobs. In neighbouring Ashfield, the figure is over 6,000 — more than 10 per cent of the working population. The Government is making a grant of £1.7 million towards the cost of the factory, which is due to start production by the autumn.

Waverley Mining and Monktonhall Mineworkers (MML) have completed refinancing Monktonhall Colliery, on Tyneside, with the handover of the final tranche of funds, unlocking a £7 million investment package. John Rickard, chairman of MML, has received £534,000, comprising Waverley's investment of £334,000 and a further term loan of £200,000, part of an £800,000 bridging facility. An additional £800,000 will be available pending the receipt of the Department of Trade and Industry's coal subsidy. Production is forecast to rise to 550,000 tonnes this year.

Brent futures at $13.45

OIL prices fell as the New York market started selling heating oil futures on the expectation that the worst of the Arctic winter in the US was over. The London April futures contract for Brent crude traded as low as $13.45 a barrel, down 31 cents from Friday. Brokers said the lead was set by the New York Mercantile Exchange, where heating oil futures tumbled. March heating oil was down 2.5 cents, or about 5 per cent, to just under 48.5 cents a US gallon. Wholesalers said Europe's cold snap might need to last some time before it had an impact on oil demand.

Euro Disney talks start

THE first talks between Euro Disney's creditor banks and Walt Disney, its parent, over restructuring Euro Disney's debt began in Paris yesterday. Before the talks started, the banks received a preliminary audit report on Euro Disney from KPMG, the auditor. The negotiations between about 60 banks and Walt Disney deal with restructuring debt of Fr20.3 billion incurred in building the Euro Disney amusement park and hotel complex. The refinancing needs of Euro Disney, whose losses worsened in the first quarter of its 1994 financial year, are estimated at Fr12 billion.

Housing recovery grows

THE recovery in the housing market improved last month with some housebuilders reporting a "dramatic" increase in activity, according to a report today . Eight out of ten housebuilders saw an increase in the number of people visiting homes for sale and 70 per cent recorded a rise in reservations. The House Builders' Federation survey of 452 firms showed that 79 per cent expect an increase in sales this year. Richard Adamson, president of the federation, said: "These figures are very encouraging and are evidence of a strong underlying upward trend."

Treuhand may sue bank

GERMANY'S Treuhand is considering suing Bank Austria over DM500 million in cash allegedly funnelled out of eastern Germany by two firms linked to the Austrian Communist Party. A decision should come in the next few weeks, said Josef Dierdorf of Treuhand. The Viennese bank may have neglected its duty of care in the transfer of DM250 million of these assets to its Zurich subsidiary. The deal hid the identity of the customer, he said. Bank Austria said last week: "If it comes to legal action Bank Austria would await the findings of the courts before making a public comment."

Elf sell-off success

THE French government hailed its third big privatisation a success when Edmond Alphandery, finance minister, said the offer for sale of shares in Elf Aquitaine was almost three times subscribed, attracting offers from more than 3 million private investors. The government has increased the allocation for retail shareholders to about 38.6 million by clawing back 5.6 million from the tranche for institutional investors, M Alphandery said. The number of shares that each individual investor can obtain will be announced this morning.

Rockefeller cash crisis

THE New York Rockefeller Centre, is facing a cash crisis. Its shares fell yesterday to just above $6 from $20. Rents can no longer cover the $1.3 billion mortgage and almost 40 per cent of the leases are up for renewal. The Rockefeller family owns 20 per cent of the shares and Mitsubishi, the Japanese group, has 80 per cent. Owners of the Rockefeller Centre dismiss speculation that it would default on its debts, but property analysts say they will need to restructure their debts. The company is believed to be in talks with George Soros, the international investor.

Morris case dismissed

A FEDERAL judge has dismissed insider trading charges against the son-in-law of a Philip Morris executive and a fellow stockbroker. The Securities and Exchange Commission accused Anthony Morelli, a Morris executive, of giving inside information about Morris's 1988 takeover of Kraft to his son-in-law, Frank Petrone, according to Edward Rubin, the attorney. The SEC accused the two stockbrokers of making more than $300,000 in trading Kraft options. Mr Morelli settled with the SEC last month without admitting or denying the allegations.

Resignation deals new blow to Tecs

By Our Industrial Editor

THE Government's business-led Training and Enterprise Councils have suffered a new blow with the resignation of the chief executive of the Bradford Tec after an internal inquiry.

The chief executive's resignation follows considerable criticism of the 82 Tecs, which run training programmes for the Government in England and Wales — and especially of their finances.

The National Audit Office, the Government's principal financial watchdog, is mounting an inquiry into the finances of Tecs, which receive more than £2.3 billion from the Government to fund their training activities.

Bradford Tec, which last month suspended Simon Cheema, its chief executive, during an investigation into what it called "certain management issues", yesterday announced that the Tec's governing board had accepted Mr Cheema's resignation with immediate effect.

Mr Cheema, a former self-employed businessman, joined the Tec only a year ago.

While the Tec, which has a planned budget for 1993-94 of £22.6 million of public money, refused to disclose the reason for Mr Cheema's resignation, or the findings of the inquiry, the Department of Employment, the Tecs' sponsoring Government ministry, said that it followed allegations made about the management and running of a particular project run byBradford Tec.

The department said that issues relating to Tec staff, including chief executives, were matters for the Tecs themselves, but it was concerned that high standards of financial management and the control of public money through Tecs should be maintained.

Lautro issues warning about tied agents

By Sara McConnell, Personal Finance Correspondent

THE Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) has warned life companies that by letting tied agents manage funds on their behalf they risk "misappropriation of funds, incompetent fund management, possible conflicts of interest and poor administration".

In a strongly worded enforcement bulletin, Lautro has told members to supply lists of all firms and individuals managing funds, their balances, the statutory basis on which they are managing the funds and the names of policyholders.

Life offices must also give details of any compliance problems they have encountered. The information must be supplied by April 22 on agents managing funds on December 31 last year.

Life companies have also been told by Lautro to watch for signs that agents are in financial difficulty. Most tied agents are self-employed. Repeated requests for advance commission payments may be a "warning signal".

The regulator said: "It has been demonstrated on many occasions that appointed representatives under severe financial pressure are more likely to give inappropriate advice or worse." It was up to life offices to demonstrate adequate supervision of agents, Lautro said.

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Following the announcement of the launch of Business Market Analysis in The Times of the 10th November we wish to clarify the nature of the service and databases it uses.
Business Market Analysis does not have the biggest Database in the UK and therefore cannot be called the UK's Business Universe.
The profiling service described holds four separate databases and not one amalgamated file. Of the four separate files that can be profiled The Thomson Directories database, Known as the Thomson Connection, is the largest.
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☐ Bookies make Branson 7-2 favourite in lottery stakes ☐ In defence of share options ☐ Not much progress, Chancellor

Branson: tomorrow the world

☐ RICHARD Branson would appear to have won the National Lottery public relations battle: whether his efforts will secure him the licence is, fittingly, a matter of fate. Eight consortia delivered their St Valentine's Day tenders to Peter Davis, Director General of Oflot, but it was Richard (there will be a photo opportunity) Branson who produced the sonnet.

This came in the shape of a cover letter to Davis in which Branson reiterates his theme that "all profits should be returned to the community". He insists that potential punters feel much the same way because an NOP poll shows that 72 per cent of the public want all the profits to go to good causes "and 64 per cent will be more likely to play if this is the case".

In Branson's words: "I have made enough money to look after my family for some generations to come ... I have two choices: I can continue to start and build up companies for personal profit. Or I can apply much of my energy to setting up and running the lottery. It matters more than anything I have done or thought of doing in my lifetime. The chance to raise in seven years up to £2 billion a year for good causes would be something to which anyone would be prepared to devote their life."

Davis, as he dabs his eyes, will have much to mull over. Branson's "charity, charity, charity" cry has undoubtedly attracted a following although the nub of the issue remains which grouping is best equipped to raise the most for good causes. A turnover of £4 billion would yield £1 billion for good causes (the estimated 23 per cent allotment will almost inevitably give way to 25 per cent). City estimates of a potential 2 per cent profit would indicate some £50 million post tax. What must be borne in mind is that a 10 per cent increase in the drop — by a better operator — would yield an extra £100 million for good causes for a post tax profit of conceivably £5 million.

Equally, if profits are deemed too high, the solution ultimately lies in Oflot's hands: cut the percentage.

Nor is the claim that more people will play/spend more if they know profits are going to charity unchallengable. California dropped the prize return from 50 per cent to 46 per cent and turnover fell from some $3 billion to below $2 billion. An indication that Canadians, at least, are essentially motivated by the prospect of winning.

And after the UK, "a truly international lottery" with a world wide network, suggests Branson. Marvellous, although it should be borne in mind that the UK is the almost the last country to create a lottery, beaten even by Albania.

That said, William Hill still makes the UK Lottery Foundation 7/2 favourite. Odds are: 4/1 Great British Lottery; 9/2 Camelot; 5/1 Rothschilds; 11/2 Rank, 6/1 Games for Good Causes and GEC with Rainbow the 20/1 outsider. William Hill's profits are expected to go to William Hill.

Windfall, what windfall?

☐ ERRANT Tory MPs may be fair game for one of the British public's periodic fits of morality, but it is a little sad to see the heads of privatised industries singled out yet again for the attentions of the mob.

In early 1991, just after the 12



regional distributors in England and Wales were privatised, share options were granted to the top management that have, over the past few weeks, allowed them to take a profit.

None of this would attract a second glance, except that share options are in the news again after news of John Cahill's windfall at BAe. Remember these are the same power company executives who have already attracted public opprobrium by allowing their salaries to rise to match those elsewhere.

Privatisation of the electricity industry was badly fumbled for a number of reasons, some out of the hands of the Government and some, such as the decision to allow generation to be dominated by just two companies, the result of political short-termism that has yet to be adequately corrected. When the 12 distributors were heading down the privatisation slipway in 1990, prospects for electricity were far from clear. The widespread belief was that the industry's profitability could be severely dented by, for example, another oil price shock. The industry itself put up a good fight to keep the flotation price down and limit its debts.

The options, none of particular generosity in the context of the City, were put in place well after the flotation and not at the 240p issue price. They were, therefore, granted at levels which already reflected the scramble for shares immediately after the sale. Manweb, probably the most favourably viewed of the 12, set a subscription price of 307p; Eastern, probably the least regarded, set 289p. Since then the two shares have easily cleared £8 and £7 respectively as the entire sector has been driven ahead by, for example, the market's appetite for high-yielding stocks in a low-inflation environment.

We are hardly in Cahill territory here. No one has exited after two years with £3 million having failed to do the job to which they were appointed. Instead, perfectly normal options were put in place which then gained sharply in value because of factors well outside the industry's control, not least the Government's incompetence in setting the wrong price for the businesses. Complaints to Lord Wakeham, one-time Energy Secretary and now c/o the House of Lords, please.

Not much inflation, not much growth

☐ IF PRICE behaviour really is a chain reaction from imported raw materials to factory gate prices and on to the high street, yesterday's startlingly good producer prices figures should be a precursor to a string of good retail prices numbers.

Tomorrow's January retail prices figures will, of course, show inflation rates rising, if only because of higher taxes and the fact that mortgage rate cuts are dropping out of annual comparisons. But what really matters is the story out there in the real economy.

The producer price figures show that there are still considerable deflationary pressures in the world economy and, so far at least, rising commodity prices have been offset by sterling's relative strength. But an even more significant tale is beginning to emerge about the state of demand at home.

The rise in factory gate prices was remarkably subdued if, as the Chancellor insists, his 2.5 per cent budget growth forecast is looking "more and more modest" and that tax increases will not have much of an impact on the consumer. If all that were true, Britain's manufacturers would surely have been more generous to themselves in revising their new year price lists.

But, even without the benefit of today's CBI distributive trades survey, manufacturers and retailers have sensed that their customers are not as thick-skinned as the Chancellor seems to hope. The CBI found that business increased a bit in January but at the slowest rate for a year.

This is probably the first concrete evidence that consumers have responded rationally to January's media blitz on tax increases and reluctantly zipped up their wallets.

Financial services boost N&P income

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST a quarter of the total income of National & Provincial Building Society, the eighth largest, came from sales of insurance, investments and other financial services last year. These amounted to £79 million, a rise of 17 per cent on the previous year, out of the society's total income of £348 million.

N&P, which reported pre-tax profits up 51 per cent to £121 million, has its own life company, N&P Life. Funds under management totalled £152 million, against £106 million in 1992. It also sells its own unit trusts and personal equity plans. The value of these more than doubled over 1993 to £206 million, with 25,000 new plans opened.

Total income, of which 75 per cent still came from interest on mortgages and personal loans — building societies' traditional source of income — rose 9 per cent. Interest on loans totalled £980.8 million, although £12.1 million of this was non-recoverable.

After paying out £699.5 million in interest to savers, the society's net interest income was £269.2 million. Interest paid out to savers includes extra interest to customers transferred from obsolete accounts into accounts paying a better rate. At the end of 1991, £1.4 billion was on deposit in obsolete accounts. This had fallen to £380 million by the end of last year.

Alastair Lyons, finance director, said the move to transfer people into better accounts had helped keep savers and bring in more. Retail receipts from deposits were up 8 per cent to £8.5 billion, allowing N&P to cut funding from the wholesale markets from 29.3 per cent of assets to 26.8 per cent.

The margin between the rates paid to savers and charged to borrowers fell slightly from 2.21 to 2.17 per cent last year.

The rise in total income helped offset an increase in management expenses. These amounted to £158.7 million and include £500,000 spent on the N&P's abortive merger with the Leeds last year.

Provision for bad debts fell 43 per cent to £72 million as mortgage arrears eased. However, the provision represents 1.45 per cent of the society's commercial assets, slightly higher than last year. The society's stock of repossessed properties was 2,250 at the end of the year, compared with 2,800 at the beginning, helped by £113 million raised through business expansion schemes.

Montague leaves Tiphook's chair as sale is unveiled

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

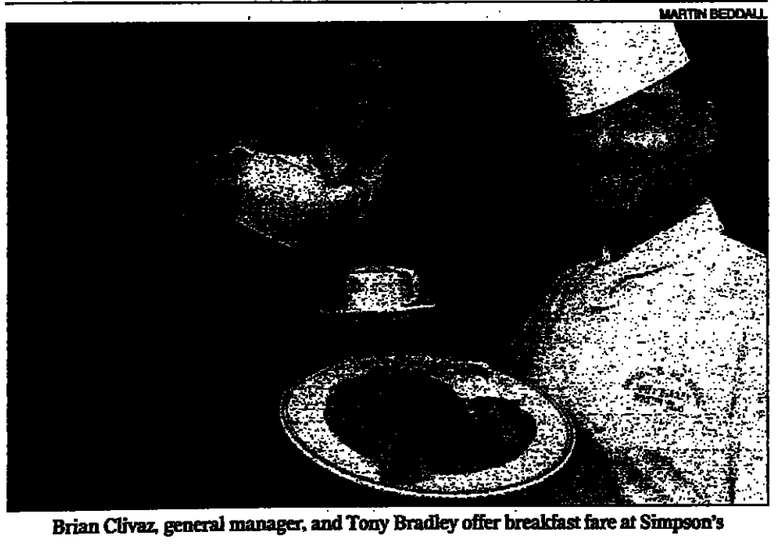
ROBERT Montague last night said he will step down as chairman of Tiphook, the troubled transport leasing group, although staying as chief executive. Rupert Hambro is to become non-executive chairman pending appointment of a new chairman. Tiphook accompanied a conditional deal to sell its container operations for £734 million with a warning of a net loss after writing-off goodwill from the sale. The group is selling the operations to a subsidiary of Transamerica Corp, one of the biggest names in US transport, for about £734 million.

Plans to sell the container division were first announced by Tiphook last November, though the initial £830 million price tag was later trimmed back to a maximum of £757 million after due diligence by the buyer.

Of the estimated £734 million, £689.8 million will be paid to Tiphook on completion, while £44.2 million will be held in escrow against any claims under the asset purchase agreement. Tiphook will use proceeds to cut debt.

Tiphook's future remains uncertain, however. The company continues to borrow money to meet its financial obligations and is dependent on the support of its bankers. The banks have agreed to make interim bank facilities available until March 15.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Brian Clivaz, general manager, and Tony Bradley offer breakfast fare at Simpson's

Big breakfast at Simpson's makes history

EGGS and bacon, and traditional English breakfast trimmings, including a newspaper (hopefully *The Times*), will be served for the first time in 166 years at Simpson's-in-the-Strand from today. Brian Clivaz, general manager, and Tony Bradley, master cook, were yesterday in dress rehearsal for the house speciality — *The Ten Deadly Sins*, at £10 per head. Cereals and delights including black pudding, lamb's kidneys, and bubble and squeak are on offer. Tables are available 7-10am, Monday-Friday.

Courage slides to £49m as price war hits margins

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

DEPRESSED economic conditions and fierce price competition hit Courage, the UK brewer, owned by the Australian Foster's Brewing Group. Profits before interest and tax fell to A$100.7 million (£49 million), against A$131.3 million, in the six months to December 31.

Nick Bryan, managing director of Courage, said: "A lot of work is going into efficiency and systems but margins are under pressure."

The tie to supply beer to the 1,650 pubs owned by Chef & Brewer expires in March 1995, but Courage has now signed a further five-year agreement for a fifth of the estate to supply a minimum of half the beer. The brewer does not expect to sign an agreement for the remaining estate.

Foster's announced a rise in net profit after abnormal items to A$210.83 million in the first half from A$173.57 million a year earlier.

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QVC plea to Paramount chiefs

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

QVC Network launched a last-minute plea to Paramount Communications directors yesterday, urging them to switch their backing from rival bidder Viacom to themselves.

The moves comes amid betting on Wall Street that Viacom, the cable television concern that owns MTV, the pop music station, would win the five-month $10 billion takeover battle for Paramount Communications by last night's midnight deadline. The fate of the Hollywood studio is in the hands of about 100 arbitrageurs who are known to favour Viacom's terms, despite its offer being marginally lower than the bid from QVC Network, the cable television home shopping network run by Barry Diller.

QVC shares rose more than 7 per cent in early trading, while Paramount firmed and Viacom fell sharply. Traders were giving Viacom an 80 per cent chance of gaining 50.1 per cent of Paramount shares by last night. Success would mean that Paramount would be taken over by its preferred partner, but that Viacom would have paid $2 billion more than its original price.

It is still unclear whether the takeover battle will end if Viacom fails to cross the 50 per cent line. Under rules agreed by all three companies, the bidding timetable ceased at midnight last night, and a stalemate would free either side to come back with a revised bid.

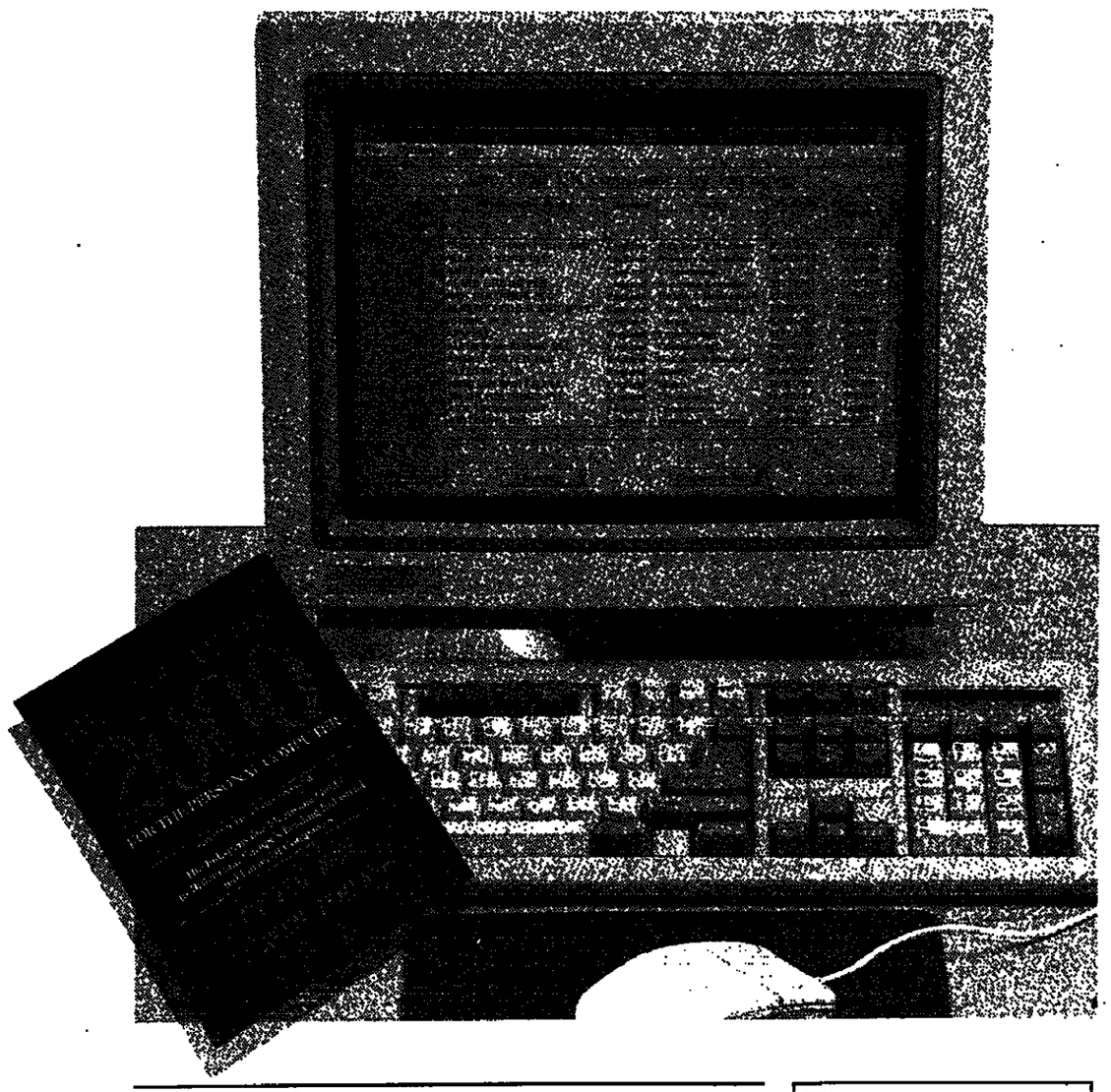
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Talk of $5bn buy hits Hanson shares

CLAIMS that Hanson is on track to make another major acquisition in the US left the shares 6p lower at 283p ahead of first-quarter figures today.

Reports in the American press claim Hanson had been looking to buy Borden, the US chemicals specialist, but has now switched its attention to RJR Nabisco's tobacco interests. Brokers say that RJR Nabisco's tobacco interests, including brands such as Winston and Camel, would be worth at least $5 billion.

RJR Nabisco was the subject in the eighties of the biggest ever management buyout with KKR, the buyout specialist, paying £25 billion. But the group is now saddled with debts and may favour such a disposal.

Hanson, which already has tobacco interests, is expected to see first-quarter pre-tax profits drop from £236 million to £170 million, hit by the US coal strike. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, added to the company's woes by striking the shares from its preferential buy list.

Elsewhere, a chill wind blew through the marketplace as prices fell almost 30 points after a futures related sell-off that left the March series trading at a discount. A firm start to trading on Wall Street enabled London to regain its composure, allowing prices to close above their worst. The FT-SE 100 index finished 15.4 down at 3,363.5, with the poor weather blamed for the low turnover. Only 636 million shares changed hands.

The 500-plus point fall in the

STOCK MARKET

Hang Seng index overnight in Hong Kong created a ripple among companies with interests there. **HSBC** dropped below £10 with a fall of 29p to 981p, while **Standard Chartered** lost 34p at £12.65.

Reuters, which unveiled bumper figures last week, lost 33p at £19.99, reflecting Friday's setback on Wall Street. **Courtaulds** fell 8p at 497p with James Capel, the broker, reducing its pre-tax profit forecast for 1994 by £10 million to £140 million and for 1995 by £15 million to £165 million.

United Biscuits slipped 4p to 345p as Smith New Court placed a line of 1.5 million shares at 340p. **Tate & Lyle** fell 4p to 441p despite a buy recommendation from BZW.

The power generators continued to benefit from the deal struck with Offer, the industry's regulator, avoiding a referral to the monopolies commission. **National Power** jumped 15p to 490p with **PowerGen** 9p better at 550p.

The drinks sector was affected by disappointing trading news, showing a drop in profits at Courage, part of Fosters. **Bass** fell 4p to 515p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 3p to 515p, **Whitbread** 10p to 534p, **Allied-Lyons** 8p to 611p, **JD Wetherspoon** 7p to 400p and **Guinness** 5p to 517p. **Grand Metropolitan** rose 7p to 443p as Strauss Turnbull recommended that clients switch out of Guinness.

British Aerospace fell 6p to 537p on confirmation that John Cahill is to retire as chairman. He will be replaced by Bob Bauman who retires as chief executive of SmithKline Beecham at the end of April.

Shares in **Roxspur** were suspended at 26p pending an announcement. First time dealings in **Parkside** opened at 122p compared with the placing price of 110p. The shares settled at 124p, a premium of 14p.

Jermyn Investments soared 45p to 183p. Chairman Gerlad Newton has sold 899,000 shares, or 44.95 per cent of the equity and almost 30 per cent of the voting rights. He still has 10 per cent of the votes.

☐ **Gilt-edged** lost an early lead and were nursing losses of up to £½ by lunchtime. But prices rallied, closing virtually all-square on the day. The March series of the **Long Gilt** touched £116⁹/₁₆ before finishing unchanged at £115³¹/₃₂. In longs, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** eased a tick to £122¹¹/₃₂ while at the shorter end **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was £⅛ easier at £114¹/₁₆.

☐ **WALL STREET:** Shares had extended their rally by midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 23.07 points at 3,917.85. Advancing issues led declining shares eleven to eight, with strength in automobile, high technology and some cyclicals stocks.

MICHAEL CLARK

ANTHONY HARRIS

Nightmare on Wall Street is headache for all

One day doesn't set a market trend, but yesterday's market moves do merit some thoughtful attention. What happened was simple: equities stuck to their gloomy half-per-cent-a-day downward trend; but the bond market stopped in its tracks. That may be no more than a response to yet more better than expected inflation news. However, couple it with what happened last week, when a cut in official interest rates caused the market to fall out of bed, and we may be seeing something much more significant.

The bond market itself looked quite solid yesterday, but at almost any time in the previous two or three years the good news on factory-gate prices would have set off a rise. For the time being, at least, it takes good news simply to check the bearish sentiment that set in with the new year. Since prospective real yields on gilts are still rising with every fall in forecast inflation, this weakness looks perverse if you think only in London terms. In New York, where it has been more marked, it is easier to understand.

It has been clear for some time that US short rates, explicitly cut to help to bail out the banking system, would have to go up before long; the market had anticipated last week's increase for some time. Inflation, too, is a potential worry, and not just for fogeys; recovery, especially in housing, is very strong indeed. Add recent bond auctions that left market-makers with unwanted stock, and it is clear that the long bull market in US bonds is over, for some time anyway.

There are technical worries, too. The US banks have been large bond buyers, but while they still enjoy a good net income by financing bond holdings with market money, every flattening of the yield curve is discouraging. Their buying has slowed; the nightmare is that they might unload. This inevitably affects other markets, as the yield premium offered by British over US bonds narrows. When British short rates fall while those in the US rise, as they did last week, the fall in sterling reminds US holders of exchange rate risks; foreign buyers go into hiding until things stablise.

Result: bond markets everywhere are suffering end-of-trend correction, as investors cease to rely on capital appreciation on top of the coupon. However, this has its limits. Regardless of market flurries, bond yields are a promise of a fixed money return. The real value of this depends on expected inflation, not on the manoeuvres of this or that class of investor. If disinflation is sustained, there should still be a further bull phase for bonds; but whether now or later, bond values will clearly reach a ceiling some time. The foundation for value is the yield.

Equities are different: return grows with the real economy, so they can, in theory, rise for ever. This is why they yield less than bonds, in spite of the risk element; and it is why a bond bull market drives equities up, too. However, the size of this yield gap is not fixed. It tends to rise when sentiment in equities is bullish, as investors factor capital profits into their returns for the indefinite future. In the end, though, this makes the market behave like Alice in Wonderland, who had to run to stay in the same place.

Now suppose that the equity bull market is driven basically by bonds, and that profits often fall short of the growth rate implied in price/earnings ratios, and then that the bond bull market stops. Now the low running yield on equities — currently less than half that on bonds — begins to look altogether too demanding. The facts are very like those of today, and that is why the small narrowing of the equity/bond yield gap yesterday may be the start of a trend.

At the end of a bond-driven bull market, bond yields will tend to level off after an upward bump; but equity yields will tend to rise towards bond yields — which, at the moment, implies a big price correction. Could they go all the way, or even rise above the bond yield to offer a risk premium? Unthinkable, you may well suppose; and you would probably be right. But that relationship used to be normal.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4695 (−0.0028)
German mark	2.5625 (−0.0063)
Exchange index	80.7 (−0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3363.5 (−15.4)
Dow Jones	3917.85 (+23.07)*
Nikkei Avg	19459.25 (−531.45)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5¼%
3-month Interbank	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.26-3.25%*
Long Bond	6.42%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4710*	£:$	1.4710
$:DM	1.7428*	£:DM	2.5628
$:SWfr	1.4705*	£:SWfr	2.1614
$:Ffr	5.9205*	£:Ffr	8.7105
$:Yen	104.10*	£:Yen	153.13
£:SDR	n/a	£:ECU	1.3197

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 381.90 ... PM 383.25
Close ... 382.70-383.20
New York:
Comex ... 382.75-383.25*

OIL

Brent Crude ... $13.50 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.9 Dec (1.9%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.00
Austria Sch	18.98	17.48
Belgium Fr	55.98	51.56
Canada $	2.082	1.922
Cyprus Cyp£	0.798	0.748
Denmark Kr	10.60	9.80
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.15
France Fr	9.16	8.46
Germany Dm	2.71	2.50
Greece Dr	391.00	366.00
Hong Kong $	12.01	11.01
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2573.00	2418.00
Japan Yen	170.50	153.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	3.020	2.790
Norway Kr	11.65	10.85
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	216.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	12.36	11.56
Switzerland Fr	2.29	2.11
Turkey Lira	25843.0	25343.0
USA $	1.565	1.435

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Failure of trade talks hits Nikkei

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO

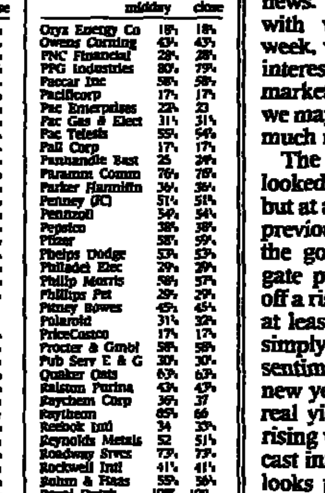
TOKYO investors yesterday reacted to the failure of trade talks with America at the weekend by sending share prices down 2.7 per cent. In light trading, the Nikkei 225 index dropped 531.45 points to close at 19,459.25.

"The basic reason is very simple, just yen appreciation," said Yutaka Sugiyama, director of research at UBS Securities. "In the short term the key factor is the currency rate." The dollar closed at Y105.69 yesterday, down Y2.56 on Thursday's close. Friday was a national holiday in Japan.

Investors had been counting on a last-minute compromise in the "framework" trade talks, and were shocked by Prime Minister Hosokawa's refusal to agree to the numerical targets sought by America. President Clinton's comment that yen appreciation was one "option" the US could use to reduce Japan's $60 billion trade surplus sent the dollar to a three-month low in Tokyo.

Shares in high-tech exporters such as Sony and Nintendo saw sharp drops amid fears that a strong yen would hit export profits. Few Japanese companies are deemed able to profit on exports if the yen falls below 105. Reports that Hirohisa Fujii, the finance minister, had described the yen's steep appreciation as not necessarily surprising sparked fresh dollar selling after a midday lull. A finance-ministry official attributed the sharp rise in the yen-dollar rate to "speculative dealings".

Traders do not think the rising yen and attendant fall in share prices will bottom out soon. "The mood here is pretty pessimistic," said Robert Sasaki of Jardine Fleming. "Today was a knee-jerk reaction to the failure of the trade talks and I see it getting worse."



Fujii: export worries

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Fine time for Flying Flowers

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

FLYING Flowers, the mail-order flower service that came to market in August, has more than doubled profits, beating forecasts made at flotation.

The company, which posts flowers from its Jersey nurseries throughout the UK and parts of northern Europe, saw a bumper Christmas help pretax profits to bloom to £1.1 million in the year to December 31, up from £533,000. Turnover rose by 31.5 per cent to £7.05 million.

Not only did the company, chaired by Walter Goldsmith, sell flowers via press advertising and credit card companies, but its 17-acre Jersey Flower Centre has become a thriving paid-for tourist attraction. The carnation nursery produced about four million blooms, although held back by dull weather.

The first and final dividend is 1.35p gross for Jersey shareholders and 1.08p gross in the UK — 25 per cent more than expected at flotation.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
J Smart	245p (+10p)
Glaxo	651p (+12p)
High-Point	70p (+15p)
Jermyn	183p (+45p)
Essex Furn	271p (+17p)
Elec Data Prc	575p (+10p)
Yorkshire TV	362p (+10p)
Zetters Group	120p (+10p)
FALLS:	
HSBC	987p (-23p)
Whitbread 'A'	534p (-10p)
Hutch Whamp	319p (-13½p)
Laporte	826p (-14p)
Ranger	360p (-10p)
Eurotunnel Uts	555p (-23p)
Mitel	426p (-10p)
Ivory Sime	225p (-12p)
MAM	704p (-19p)
Pearson	682p (-12p)
Thomson Corp	825p (-10p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	173	...	Rossmont (10)	12	...
Baring Emrg Euro	70½	-1½	Slimma (120)	142	+1
Baring Emrg Eur Wts	38½	-½	Taiwan Inv (100)	93	-1½
Chiroscience (150)	151	...	Taiwan Inv Wrts	44	-2
Coda (235)	262	-2	Thornton Pan Euro Wts	13½	...
Compurrsd Fin Sols (90)	150	+1	Thornton Zero Div Pf	51	...
Energy Capital	58	...	RIGHTS ISSUES		
Energy Capital Wrts	28	...	Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...	Becknhm Grp n/p (25)	3½	-½
Friends Prov Uts (120)	124	...	Berisford n/p (120)	112	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	+½	Carlisle n/p (11)	17	-½
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	42½	...	Spring Ram n/p (53)	22	+1½
K'wort Euro Pt Wrt	39	-2½	Stanley Leis n/p (275)	38	...
Pantheon Wts	83	...	Utility Cable n/p (10)	18½	+1
Parkside Intl (110)	124	...	Worthington n/p (51)	10½	-½

WALL STREET

	Feb 14 midday	Feb 11 close
AMP Inc	62⅞	62⅞
AMR Corp	64⅞	65⅞
Abbott Labs	29⅞	28⅞
Aetna Life	62⅞	62⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	18	17⅝
Air Prod & Chem	48	48
Albertson's	27	26½
Alcan Aluminum	23⅞	23⅞
Alco Standard	56⅝	55⅝
Allied Signal	78⅝	79⅝
Alum Co of Am	79⅝	78⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6⅞	6⅞
Amerada Hess	47⅞	46⅞
Amer Brands	35⅝	35⅝
Amer Cyanamid	47⅞	47⅞
Amer El Power	33⅞	34
Amer Express	31½	31½
Amer Genl Corp	27	26⅝
Amer Home Pr	61⅝	61⅞
Amer Intl	88⅝	88⅞
Amer Stores	45⅝	45⅝
Amer T & T	54½	54½
Amertech	41	40⅞
Amoco	54	53⅞
Anheuser-Busch	48⅞	48⅝
Apple Computer	37⅞	37
Archer Daniels	26½	26½
Arkla	8⅞	8⅝
Armco	6⅞	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	53	53⅞
Asarco	24½	24
Ashland Oil	39⅝	39⅝
Atl Richfield	108⅞	109⅝
Auto Data Pro	52⅝	52¼
Avery Dennison	30½	30
Avon Products	54⅞	55⅞
Baker Hughes	20	19⅝
Baltim Gas & El	23⅝	23⅝
Banc One	32⅞	33⅝
BankAmerica	43½	43
Bank of NY	52⅝	52⅞
Bankers Tr NY	81½	81¼
Barnett Banks	40⅝	40⅞
Bausch & Lomb	52⅝	52½
Baxter Intl	23⅞	23⅞
Becton Dicknsn	37⅝	37⅞
Bell Atlantic	54⅝	55⅞
BellSouth	57	57⅝
Black & Decker	19⅝	19⅝
Block (H&R)	46⅞	45⅝
Boeing	44⅞	43¾
Boise Cascade	26⅝	26½
Borden Inc	14⅞	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	56
Browning Ferris	29⅝	29
Brunswick	19⅝	19¼
Burlington Nthn	62⅝	63
CBS	312½	313
CNA Financial	78⅝	77⅞
CPC Intl	48⅞	48⅞
CSX	87⅞	88½
Campbell Soup	38⅝	39
Can Pacific	16⅝	17⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	685	681
Cptl Holdings	33⅝	33½
Carolina Pwr	28⅝	28⅝
Caterpillar	106⅝	105⅝
Central & SW	27⅝	27⅝
Champion Intl	32½	32⅝
Chase Manhat	33⅝	33½
Chemical Bk	36⅞	36½
Chevron Corp	91⅝	90⅞
Chrysler	59⅝	58⅞
Chubb Corp	75⅞	75⅞
Cigna Corp	67	66½
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	53⅝	52⅞
Coastal Corp	33⅝	32⅞
Coca Cola	41⅝	41½
Colgate-Palmolive	61⅝	61¼
Columbia Gas	27⅝	27⅝
Commonw Ed	26⅝	27
Compaq Comp	92⅝	90⅞
Comp Ass Intl	38⅝	37⅝
Conagra	26⅞	26½
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅞
Cons Nat Gas	44⅝	44½
Cons Rail	62⅝	62⅝
Cooper Inds	39	39
Corning Inc	30⅝	31¼
Crown Cork	38⅝	38⅞
Dana Corp	59	58½
Dayton Hudson	65⅝	65¼
Deere	78⅝	79⅞
Delta Air Lines	51⅝	51½
Deluxe Corp	34½	35½
Detroit Edison	28⅝	29
Digital Equip	29⅝	29⅝
Dillard Dept St	35	34½
Disney (Walt)	46⅞	46
Dominion Res	42⅝	42
Donelley (RR)	30⅝	31
Dover Corp	60⅝	60⅝
Dow Chemical	64	63½
Dow Jones	39⅝	39½
Dresser	21⅝	21¼
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	62⅝	62⅞
Du Pont	54⅝	54¼
Eastman Kodak	43	43½

	Feb 14 midday	Feb 11 close
Eaton Corp	59⅝	58⅞
Emerson Elec	64⅝	64⅝
Engelhard Corp	24¼	24⅝
Enron Corp	32⅝	32⅝
Ethyl Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Exxon	66⅝	66⅝
FMC Corp	49⅝	49⅝
FPL Group	34⅞	34⅝
Federal Express	76⅞	76⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	85⅝	85⅞
First Chicago	45⅝	45⅞
First Interstate	65	65⅝
First Union Rlty	9⅝	9⅝
Fleet Fnl Grp	34⅝	34⅝
Fluor Corp	46⅝	46⅝
Ford Motor	66⅝	65⅝
GTE Corp	33⅞	33⅝
Gannett	53⅝	54⅞
Gap Inc Del	41½	41½
Gen Dynamics	94⅝	94⅝
Gen Electric	108⅝	107⅞
Gen Mills	58⅝	58
Gen Motors	62	61
Gen Reinsurance	107⅝	107⅞
Gen Signal	35⅝	35⅞
Genuine Parts	37⅝	37½
Georgia Pac	72⅞	73⅝
Gillette	59⅝	59⅝
Glaxo ADR	19	18⅝
Goodrich (BF)	41½	41½
Goodyear Tire	45⅝	45⅝
Grace (WR)	45	45⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24⅞	24⅝
Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	16⅝
Halliburton	32⅝	32⅝
Harcourt General	36⅝	36⅝
Heinz (HJ)	33⅝	33⅝
Hercules	113½	112
Hershey Foods	49⅝	48⅝
Hewlett Packard	85⅝	84⅝
Hilton Hotels	70⅞	67⅞
Home Depot	39⅝	39⅞
Homestake Mng	21½	21½
Honeywell	32⅞	32⅝
Household Intl	34⅝	34⅝
Houston Inds	43	43⅝
Humana	20⅝	20⅞
ITT Corp	96⅞	97
Illinois Tool	42⅝	42½
INCO	24⅝	24⅞
Ingersoll Rand	38⅝	38
Inland Steel	35⅝	35⅝
Intel Corp	63⅝	63½
IBM	54⅝	53½
Intl Flav & Fr	37⅝	37⅞
Intl Paper	76	76½
James River Va	19⅝	19⅝
Jnhsn & Jhnsn	42	41½
K Mart	19	19
Kellogg	52⅞	51½
Kerr-McGee	46⅝	46⅝
Kimberly-Clark	57⅝	56½
Knight-Ridder	56⅝	55⅞
Lilly (Eli)	57½	57
Limited Inc	16⅝	17½
Lin Brdcstng	114⅞	113⅝
Lincoln Nat	39⅝	39
Litton	69	68⅞
Liz Claiborne	20⅝	20⅝
Lockheed Corp	66	66⅝
Louisiana Pac	43⅝	44½
MCI Commun	27⅝	27⅝
Marriott Intl	30⅝	30
Marsh & McLnn	82	82½
Mesco Corp	37⅝	37⅞
May Dept St	39⅝	39⅝
Maytag Corp	17	17
McCaw Cellular	52⅝	52⅞
McDonalds	60⅝	60⅞
McDonnell D	115	119⅝
McGraw Hill	69⅝	69⅝
Mead Corp	45⅞	46⅝
Medtronic	86⅞	85⅝
Mellon Bk	54⅝	53⅝
Melville Corp	39⅞	39⅝
Merck Inc	34⅝	34⅝
Merrill Lynch	40⅞	41
Minnesota Mine	104½	104⅝
Mobil Corp	82⅝	81½
Monsanto	80⅝	80
Morgan (JP)	68⅞	68⅝
Motorola Inc	100⅝	98⅝
Natl Medical	15⅞	15½
Natl Semi	19	18⅝
Natl Service Ind	27⅝	27⅝
Navistar Int	25⅝	24⅞
NBD Bancorp	29⅝	29⅝
NY Times A	27⅝	27⅞
Newmont Mng	53⅝	52
Niag Mohawk	18⅝	18⅝
Nike B	50⅝	50
NL Industries	9	9⅝
Nordstrom	34⅝	34⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	69⅝	69⅝
Nthn State Pwr	41½	41⅝
Norwest Corp	24⅝	25
Nynex Corp	37⅝	38⅞
Occidental Pet	18⅞	18⅞
Ohio Edison	21½	21½
Oracle Systems	32	31½

	Feb 14 midday	Feb 11 close
Oryx Energy Co	18⅝	18⅝
Owens Corning	43⅞	43⅝
PNC Financial	28⅞	28⅞
PPG Industries	80⅞	79⅝
Paccar Inc	58⅝	58⅞
Pacificorp	17⅝	17⅝
Pac Enterprises	22⅝	23
Pac Gas & Elect	31½	31½
Pac Telesis	55⅝	54⅝
Pall Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Panhandle East	25	24⅝
Paramnt Comm	76⅝	76⅞
Parker Hannifin	36⅞	36⅞
Penney (JC)	51½	51⅝
Pennzoil	54⅝	54⅝
Pepsico	38⅝	38⅝
Pfizer	58⅞	59⅞
Phelps Dodge	53⅝	53⅝
Philadel Elec	29⅝	29⅝
Philip Morris	58⅝	57⅝
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅝
Pitney Bowes	45⅝	45⅝
Polaroid	31½	32⅝
PriceCostco	17⅝	17⅝
Procter & Gmbl	58⅝	58⅝
Pub Serv E & G	30⅝	30⅞
Quaker Oats	63⅞	63⅝
Ralston Purina	43⅝	43⅝
Raychem Corp	36⅞	37
Raytheon	65⅝	66
Reebok Intl	34	33⅝
Reynolds Metals	52	51½
Roadway Srvcs	73⅞	73⅞
Rockwell Intl	41½	41½
Rohm & Haas	55⅝	56⅝
Royal Dutch	108⅞	109
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	56⅝	56⅝
St Paul's Cos	80⅝	81⅞
Salomon Inc	49⅝	49
Santa Fe Pac	22⅞	22⅞
Sara Lee Corp	22⅝	21½
Scecorp	18⅞	19
Schering Plough	61¼	61¼
Schlumberger	58⅝	58
Scott Paper	44⅞	45⅝
Seagram	28⅝	28⅞
Sears Roebuck	48⅝	48⅝
Shell Trans	64⅝	64⅝
Sherwin Wlms	34⅞	34⅞
Skyline Corp	21	20⅝
Snap-On-Tools	42	41½
Southern Co	40⅝	40⅝
Sthwestern Bell	38⅝	38
Sprint Corp	36⅝	37
Stanley Works	44	44⅝
Sun Company	31¼	30⅝
Sun Microsys	25⅞	24⅝
Suntrust	45⅝	44⅝
Supervalu	38⅞	38⅝
Syntex Corp	14⅞	14½
Sysco Corp	27⅞	27⅞
TRW Inc	72⅞	73⅝
Tandem Comp	13⅞	13⅝
Tandy Corp	46⅞	46⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3⅝
Teledyne	22⅞	22⅝
Temple Inland	50⅝	50⅝
Tenneco	57⅞	57⅝
Texaco	67⅞	66⅝
Texas Inst	73⅝	72⅝
Texas Utilities	38	38
Textron	58⅞	58⅝
Time Warner	38⅝	38⅝
Times-Mirror	34⅞	34⅞
Timken	36⅝	37⅝
Torchmark	46⅝	45⅞
Toys R Us	35⅝	35
Transamerica	53	52⅝
Travelers	39⅝	39⅞
Tribune	57⅝	56⅝
Tyco Labs	52⅝	53⅝
UAL Corp	141½	141½
UST Inc	28⅝	28⅝
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	117⅞	117⅝
Union Camp	48½	48
Union Carbide	25	24⅝
Union Pacific	62⅞	62⅝
Unisys Corp	14⅞	14⅝
USAIR Group	12⅞	12⅝
USF&G Corp	15	15
US Life	39⅝	39⅝
US West	41⅞	42⅝
United Tech	67	65⅝
Unocal Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Upjohn	28⅞	28⅝
VF Corp	48⅞	47⅞
WMX Tech	25	24⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅝	27⅝
Warner-Lambert	64⅝	64⅝
Wells Fargo	130	130⅝
Westinghouse El	15	14⅝
Weyerhaeuser	47⅞	47⅞
Whirlpool	69	68
Whitman	15⅝	15⅝
Winn Dixie	48⅝	48⅝
Woolworth	24⅝	24⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43⅞	44⅝
Xerox	97	96⅝

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	15,000	Cadbury	1,400	MEPC	757	Scot Power	2,800
Abbey Natl	3,700	Caradon	1,300	Marks Spr	1,100	Sears	2,700
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Carlton Cms	382	NFC	566	Svrn Trent	949
Anglian W	1,200	Coats Vyla	681	NatWst Bk	5,500	Shell Trans	5,900
Argyll Gp	9,500	Cm Union	690	Nat Power	4,800	Siebe	648
Arjo Wiggn	397	Courtaulds	1,600	Nth Wst W	748	SmKl Bch	4,900
AB Foods	30	Enterpr Oil	375	Nthrn Fds	430	Smith Nph	2,300
BAA	1,500	Forte	2,900	P & O	845	Sthrn Elec	968
BAT Inds	2,200	GRE	4,700	Pearson	910	Std Chartd	1,100
BOC	456	GUS	2,300	PowerGen	820	Sun Allnce	981
BP	10,000	Gen Acc	669	Prudential	1,600	TI Gp	1,200
BTR	3,700	Gen Elec	1,600	RMC	308	TSB	5,800
BT	8,000	Glaxo	3,200	RTZ	2,100	Tesco	3,300
Bk of Scot	962	Granada	1,200	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	440
Barclays	2,700	Grand Met	4,400	Reckitt Col	347	Thrn EMI	711
Bass	1,500	Guinness	4,500	Redland	433	Tomkins	1,100
Blue Circle	1,300	HSBC	4,400	Reed Intl	1,000	Unilever	960
Boots	1,000	Hanson	7,300	Rentokil	2,600	Utd Bisc	4,500
Bowater	650	ICI	621	Reuters	1,300	Vodafone	1,200
Brit Aero	763	Inchcape	1,900	Rolls Royce	5,700	Wrbrg (SG)	326
Brit Airwys	1,700	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Ins	837	Wellcome	2,200
Brit Gas	6,600	Ladbroke	2,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300	Whitbread	1,700
Brit Steel	6,400	Land Secs	1,900	Sainsbury	2,500	Wlms Hld	147
Burmah Cstl	309	Legal & Gn	437	Schroders	11	Wolseley	517
Cable Wire	4,300	Lloyds Bk	3,700	Scot & New	1,000	Zeneca	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3917.85 (+23.07)
S&P Composite 471.82 (+1.64)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19459.25 (-531.45)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 10988.81 (-515.22)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 428.78 (-5.59)

Sydney: AO 2238.6 (-2.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2116.01 (+25.40)

FT 30 share: 2586.7 (-8.1)

Brussels:
General 7707.48 (+27.00)

Paris: CAC-40 2243.16 (-31.93)

Zurich: SKA Gen 701.00 (-3.60)

London:
FT A All-Share 1693.96 (-7.57)
FT Non Financials 1803.59 (-4.52)
FT Gold Mines 200.7 (-8.1)
FT Fixed Interest 128.11 (-0.19)
FT Govt Secs 103.98 (+0.06)
Bargains 34404
SEAQ Volume 626.5m
USM (Datastrm) 167.71 (+0.20)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Calls on 11/2/94: Amstrad, Allied Irish, Burton, Cementone, Dev Secs, Jury Hotels, N Hay, Merchant Retail, Molynx, NSM, Porter Chad, Sleepy Kids, Standard Chart, Titaghur, Triton Europe, Utility Cable, York TV Wts. **Puts:** Allied Irish, Amstrad, Burton, Jury Hotels, N Hay, Merchant Retail, NSM. **Puts & Calls:** Business Tech.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3368.0	3379.0	3332.0	3354.0	13637
Previous open interest: 74478	Jun 94	3387.0	3387.0	3354.0	3368.5	44
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.76	94.79	94.76	94.78	5593
Previous open interest: 435720	Jun 94	94.90	94.93	94.88	94.91	14575
	Sep 94	94.87	94.89	94.86	94.88	7125
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.37	96.37	96.37	96.37	20
Previous open interest: 13305	Jun 94	96.07	96.07	96.07	96.06	1
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.32	94.32	94.27	94.28	19098
Previous open interest: 961342	Jun 94	94.75	94.76	94.71	94.73	22731
Long Gilt	Mar 94	116-05	116-18	115-12	115-31	81536
Previous open interest: 154719	Jun 94	115-13	115-21	114-28	115-09	278
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.38	115.69	115.28	115.67	4322
	Jun 94	114.17	114.36	114.05	114.46	1296
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	99.25	99.54	99.07	99.27	142409
Previous open interest: 206874	Jun 94	99.16	99.42	99.02	99.17	4130
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	102.48	102.55	102.35	102.42	336
Previous open interest: 9181	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.79	93.79	93.74	93.76	487
Previous open interest: 38734	Jun 94	94.31	94.31	94.27	94.28	291
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.90	95.90	95.86	95.87	3172
Previous open interest: 66326	Jun 94	96.19	96.19	96.14	96.17	1818
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.75	117.96	117.02	117.31	48403
Previous open interest: 89666	Jun 94	118.11	118.11	117.46	117.56	371

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.7 (day's range 80.5-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8706-2.8787	2.8726-2.8761	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	52.77-52.93	52.77-52.88	4-8ds	14-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9980-10.0480	10.0330-10.0480	⅜-1⅞ds	2⅞-4ds
Dublin	1.0435-1.0475	1.0440-1.0471	6-9ds	18-23ds
Frankfurt	2.5604-2.5678	2.5611-2.5644	⅛-⅛ds	⅜-½ds
Lisbon	258.04-259.68	258.27-258.90	66-119ds	221-330ds
Madrid	208.33-209.30	208.59-208.88	58-67ds	172-189ds
Milan	2472.40-2479.00	2472.40-2476.40	6-7ds	18-21ds
Montreal	1.9709-1.9933	1.9894-1.9923	0.28-0.22pr	0.52-0.45pr
New York	1.4656-1.4715	1.4705-1.4715	0.22-0.20pr	0.61-0.58pr
Oslo	11.0660-11.1160	11.1000-11.1160	⅜-⅛pr	1⅞pr-par
Paris	8.7030-8.7280	8.7030-8.7180	¾-1ds	2⅛-2⅝ds
Stockholm	11.7890-11.8640	11.8410-11.8640	1½-2⅞ds	5¼-7ds
Tokyo	153.00-155.08	153.00-153.26	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.00-18.08	18.04-18.08	⅛-1ds	¼-1⅝ds
Zurich	2.1532-2.1634	2.1598-2.1629	¼-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4660-1.4686
Australia dollar	2.0632-2.0661
Bahrain dinar	0.5465-0.5585
Brazil cruzeiro*	782.46-784.18
Cyprus pound	0.756-0.766
Finland marka	8.2145-8.3305
Greece drachma	366.75-373.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.3737-11.3844
India rupee	45.55-46.51
Kuwait dinar KD	0.431-0.441
Malaysia ringgit	4.0448-4.0476
Mexico peso	4.47-4.57
New Zealand dollar	2.5646-2.5695
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.437-5.563
Singapore dollar	2.3232-2.3263
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7133-6.7643
S Africa rand (com)	5.055-5.663
U A E dirham	5.323-5.447

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4074-1.4084
Austria	12.26-12.27
Belgium (Com)	35.93-35.97
Canada	1.3537-1.3542
Denmark	6.8091-6.8111
France	5.928-5.933
Germany	1.7450-1.7455
Hong Kong	7.7425-7.7445
Ireland	1.4051-1.4061
Italy	1683.5-1684.5
Japan	103.88-103.93
Malaysia	2.7525-2.7535
Netherlands	1.9558-1.9568
Norway	7.5377-7.5397
Portugal	175.7-176.0
Singapore	1.5815-1.5825
Spain	141.85-142.00
Sweden	8.0630-8.0705
Switzerland	1.4695-1.4705

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4¹⁵/₁₆-4¹³/₁₆	4¹⁵/₁₆-4¹³/₁₆	4¹⁵/₁₆-4⅞	4¹⁵/₁₆-4¾	4¹³/₁₆-4⅞
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5¼	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5¹/₁₆
Interbank	5⅜-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Overnight: open 5¼, close 6.					
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆
Dollar CDs	3.33	n/a	3.44	3.66	4.01
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅝-3⁵/₁₆	3⅝-3½	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	5¹⁵/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	5⅝-5⅝	6½-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅝-6⅜	6⅝-6⅜	6⅜-6⅜	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.60-382.00 Close: $382.70-383.20 High: $383.00-383.50
Low: $379.25-379.75 Krugerrand: $381.00-384.00 (£259.00-261.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.50-91.50 (£60.25-62.25) New $88.50-91.50 (£60.25-62.25)
Platinum: $393.75 (£268.20) Silver: $5.33 (£3.615) Palladium: $133.25 (£90.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	600	32½	42	51½	15½	34	40½
(*611)	650	11	20½	30	46½	65½	70½
Argyll	260	19½	24½	28½	16	23½	26
(*261)	280	11½	15½	21	28½	36	38½
ASDA	50	10	12½	13½	2	3½	5
(*57)	60	4	7	8	6½	5	10½
Boots	500	51	60½	67	5½	17	21
(*539½)	550	18½	33½	39	25	38½	44
Br Airways	460	31½	43½	52	16	27½	33½
(*473½)	500	14	24½	34	37	50	55½
BP	360	24	34	40	11½	19	25
(*369½)	390	10	19½	26	28½	35½	41
Br Steel	140	14	19	23	5½	9½	12½
(*147)	160	4½	9½	14	16½	21	24
C & W	475	27½	44	—	14½	27½	—
(*483½)	500	16½	30½	38½	29½	43	47½
CU	600	46½	62	69½	11½	20½	27
(*639½)	650	17	34	38½	39½	45	52½
ICI	750	47	62	70½	24	37½	50
(*781½)	800	21	37½	47½	53½	66	77
Kingfishr	600	55½	67½	77	12½	26½	34½
(*638½)	650	26	40½	51½	33½	51	59
Land Sec	750	29½	39	46½	19	35½	38
(*754½)	800	8½	18	26	51½	68	70
M & S	420	20½	28½	34	13	23	23½
(*424½)	460	5½	13	17	39	47½	48
Nat West	500	53½	65	71½	12	19	24
(*548½)	550	22	35	45	34	42½	47½
Sainsbury	360	28	37½	43½	13½	26	29½
(*368½)	390	14½	23	30	31	44	47
Shell	700	40	54	62½	12½	21	30½
(*734½)	750	12	28½	36	40½	47½	56½
Smkl Bch	390	35½	47½	56	12½	22	29
(*413½)	420	19	32½	41	26½	37	44½
Storehse	220	21½	28	32	5	10½	13½
(*233½)	240	9½	16½	21½	14½	20½	23½
Trafalgar	115	11	15½	—	9½	14	—
(*115½)	120	8	13½	18	13	17	19
Unilever	1200	43	65½	87½	35½	51	59
(*1213½)	1250	19	43	62	67½	79½	87½
Zeneca	750	41	56	69	20½	41½	51½
(*769½)	800	14½	34	47	59½	70½	80½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	420	26	38	47	2½	12	17
(*442½)	460	3½	16½	25½	21	30	37
Ladbroke	200	8½	17½	23	3½	16½	21
(*204½)	220	1½	9	15	18	29½	33½
Utd Bisc	330	18	25	30½	2½	14½	19
(*344½)	360	2	10½	16½	19½	33½	38

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	1000	53	70½	90½	22	39½	48
(*1021½)	1050	28	45	64	48½	65	72½
Thames W	550	24½	34	39½	18	35	38
(*553)	600	7½	14½	20½	51	70½	71½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	475	19½	—	—	5	—	—
(*489)	500	6	21½	31	15½	37	48½
BTR	360	16½	25½	33½	3½	16	21
(*373½)	390	2	11	19½	19½	32½	38
Br Aero	500	44	63	81	4	27½	35
(*538½)	550	11½	38½	56½	23½	51	60½
Br Telcm	420	32	41	50	1	5½	12½
(*450)	460	3	16	25	13½	22	30
Cadbury	493	25	31	—	1½	15½	—
(*515)	542	1½	9	—	29½	46½	—
Guinness	500	21½	37	48½	4½	23	32½
(*516½)	550	2½	14½	26½	37	54½	62½
GEC	330	16½	26½	32	1½	8	15½
(*348)	360	1½	10½	16	18½	23½	32
Hanson	280	7½	14½	19	3½	11½	16
(*283½)	300	1	6½	11	18	24	28
LASMO	120	8	18	23½	3	10	15
(*126)	130	3½	12½	18	8½	16	20½
Lucas	200	21½	26½	33	1	6	10½
(*219½)	220	5½	14	20	6	15	19½
Pilkingtn	180	17	23	30	1½	6½	13½
(*195)	200	3	11½	19½	8½	15½	23½
Prudential	330	11	18½	25	4	16½	21
(*337½)	360	1½	6½	12½	25	37½	39½
Redland	550	40½	52	59	1½	19	29
(*587)	600	6½	23	34	18	40½	55½
Royal Ins	288	20½	—	—	1	—	—
(*312)	317	5½	—	—	9½	—	—
Tesco	220	9	18½	24	3½	14	16½
(*226)	240	1½	9	15½	16½	26	29
Vodafone	600	25½	51½	69	4½	24	39½
(*619½)	650	3½	27½	45½	34	52½	66½
Williams	390	7½	21	27	6	21	26½
(*391½)	420	1	7½	15	30½	42	45½

FT-SE INDEX (*3350)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Feb	116	72	39	14	4½	2½
Mar	142	106	78	55	36	23
Apr	162	130	101	77	57	42
May	186	155	126	101	80	61
Jun	—	174	—	119	—	77
Puts						
Feb	5	11	27	56	98	148
Mar	38	53	74	101	132	170
Apr	59	76	98	123	153	188
May	76	95	115	140	169	201
Jun	—	107	—	152	—	211

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	500	18½	29	40	18	26	34½
(*505)	550	3½	11	20½	56	60	65½
Amstrad	35	5	7	9	2	3½	4½
(*39)	40	2½	4½	6½	4	6	7
Barclays	550	35	48½	59½	11½	22½	32
(*576½)	600	11½	25	35½	40	50	59
Blue Circ	360	16½	24	35	14	27½	36½
(*360½)	390	6	13	23½	35	48	56
Br Gas	330	12½	18½	24	9	19	23
(*331½)	360	2½	7½	12½	30	40½	43
Dixons	200	24	33	37	3	7½	14½
(*218½)	220	11½	20½	26	11	16½	24½
Forte	240	22½	26½	32½	4	11½	15½
(*256½)	260	9½	15	23½	12	22	26
Hillsdwn	160	16½	19	23	2½	8½	11½
(*172)	180	5	8½	14	12	21½	23½
Lonrho	160	12	19½	25½	9½	16	22½
(*160½)	180	4½	12	17½	23	29	34½
Sears	110	10½	13	16½	2	5	6½
(*117½)	120	4½	7	9½	6	10½	12
Thrn Emi	1050	52	79	96½	17	31½	53
(*1081½)	1100	23	51½	68	41	55½	78
Tomkins	260	13	21½	27	8	13	20½
(*264)	280	4½	12½	18	20½	25	32
TSB	240	16½	25	30½	6	11½	16½
(*249½)	260	6½	14½	22	16½	22	27½
Wellcome	600	63	78	97½	8	24½	35½
(*649½)	650	30	50½	70½	29	47	59½
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo	650	36½	58	70	37½	54	69
(*650)	700	18	37½	50	71½	85	101
HSBC	950	78½	109½	141½	58½	84½	100
(*983½)	1000	54½	85½	118½	84½	109½	125
Reuter	2000	78	138½	175½	85½	122	148½
(*2005½)	2050	59	114½	150	116½	149	173½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
R-Royce	176	7½	—	—	3	—	—
(*179½)	195	1	—	—	17	—	—
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Pisons	120	14	20½	25½	5	11	14½
(*128½)	130	8	15	21	9½	16	20½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Elc	650	30½	50	63½	4	16½	32
(*676)	700	4	24½	37	28½	41	59
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	460	38	49½	57	5	15	22½
(*490)	500	13½	26½	36	20½	33½	41½
Scot Pwr	390	34½	45½	53	4	10½	19
(*418)	420	15	28	36	15	23½	33

February 14, 1994 Tot: 41724 Call: 20796 Put: 20928 FT-SE Call: 8844 Put: 9753
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee had a relatively quiet day, and is likely to continue in that mode for the rest of the week. Not only was a slow start caused by a weekend trade meeting in Florida, but also the start of the carnival holidays in Latin America. Cocoa was also quiet in the absence of any fundamental news, most of the activity centred around the March/May spread.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	885-884	May	963-962
May	897-896	Jul	973-970
Jul	907-906	Sep	983-982
Sep	923-921	Dec	1000-985
Dec	938-936		
Mar	951-948	Volume:	4688

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1196-1193	Nov	1200-1194
May	1196-1195	Jan	1200-1194
Jul	1192-1191	Mar	1200-1194
Sep	1199-1197	Volume:	1960

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.45-11.75
Spot: 273.00		Jan	11.20-12.00
Mar	11.30-11.45	Mar	10.95-12.25
May	11.85-12.00	May	10.85-12.50
Jul	12.05-12.30	Volume:	105

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	293.9-93.0
Spot: 309.0		Mar	unq
May	308.5-07.1	May	297.0-95.0
Aug	308.4-07.0	Aug	301.0-96.0
Oct	296.0-95.0	Volume:	271

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.05	114.10	122.85
(+/-)	+3.26	-4.74	-0.51
Eng/Wales:	72.30	114.06	122.74
(+/-)	+3.43	-4.38	-0.39
(%)	-28.4	-23.0	-29.4
Scotland:	66.29	114.27	124.03
(+/-)	-0.10	-6.28	-1.40
(%)	+1.4	-13.4	-37.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	—		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	99.55
May	99.95
Jun	98.80
Sep	90.10
Nov	91.00
Volume:	308

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	103.25
May	103.00
Sep	92.00
Nov	93.40
Jan	95.25
Volume:	120

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	..
Dec	..
Feb	..
Apr	..
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	177.5
Apr	106.8	111.2
May	125.5	129.3
	Volume:	114

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 65.25-65.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Despite cold weather on both sides of the Atlantic, levels plunged.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.45	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.40	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.50	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.25	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.50	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	151 (-1)	153 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	142 (-3)	143 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	143 (-3)	145 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	141 (-4)	143 (-4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (-3)	78 (-1)
Naphtha	135 (-2)	137 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	140.75-41.00	Jun	140.00 BID
Apr	139.25-39.50	Jul	141.50-41.75
May	138.75-39.00	Aug	144.25 SLR
			Vol: 18548

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	13.48-13.50	Jul	13.97-14.00
May	13.64-13.68	Aug	14.17-14.23
Jun	13.80-13.86		Vol: 18246

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	143.00 BID	Jun	unq
Apr	unq	Jul	unq
May	unq		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 94	1170	1170	1170
Apr 94	1220	1210	1219
Jul 94	1100	1090	1095
Oct 94	unq		1248

Vol: 43 lots. Open int'st: 2260 Index: 1155 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1826.0-1826.5	1848.5-1849.0	1666550
Lead ($/tonne)	478.00-478.50	491.50-492.00	159575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	947.00-947.50	966.50-967.50	633400
Tin ($/tonne)	5370.0-5380.0	5425.0-5430.0	15635
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1229.0-1229.5	1251.0-1252.0	976825
Nickel ($/tonne)	5705.0-5707.0	5760.0-5765.0	59052

Lloyd's poised for cat and mouse games with names

The insurance market's £900 million settlement offer has been thrown out, but now Lloyd's can afford to bide its time. Sarah Bagnall reports

What happens next? The Lloyd's £900 million settlement offer, which closed yesterday, has foundered, leaving the way clear for litigating names to forge ahead with their planned legal actions.

More than 22,000 names were offered money in compensation for £5.5 billion of losses. Most received offers of less than £100,000 each and about 1,500 were offered nothing. At the other end of the spectrum, about 40 names were offered between £750,000 and £1 million and more than 100 names were offered £500,000 to £750,000.

For the offer to succeed, David Rowland, the chairman of Lloyd's, and Peter Middleton, the chief executive, said they needed acceptances for more than 70 per cent of the offer, in terms of value. The failure to reach that clears the way for names to beat a fast track to the courts.

For the Lloyd's market as a whole, the failure of the offer makes little difference. Neither capital providers nor policyholders have abandoned ship, in spite of the bruising losses of recent years, and consequent concerns over the market's ability to meet claims.

New investors, in the form of incorporated capital, have rushed to enter the fray and traditional names have proved more resilient than expected. Together, these two groups have lifted capacity from £8.9 billion in 1993 to £10.9 billion this year. Of the increase, £1.6 billion came from the new corporate capital investors.

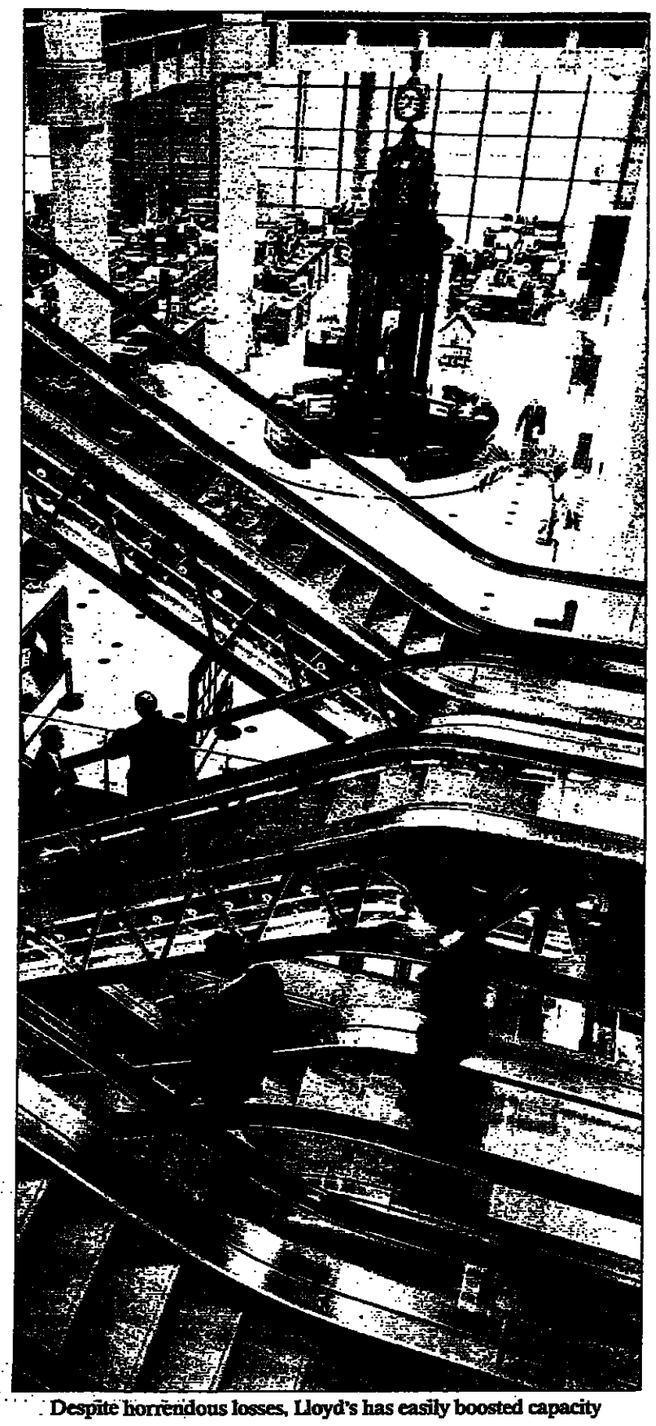
The perseverance displayed in the face of crippling and sharply escalating losses, allegations of negligence, high-profile suicides, expectations of further losses in the pipeline and an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, bodes well for the future. The looming spectre of years of long-drawn-out litigation will probably just create some rather unpleasant background noise.

The faint ripple of disquiet for the market as a whole could, however, be heart-plunging for some Lloyd's agencies. A protracted period of litigation raises the prospect of the threat of bankruptcy shifting from the names to them. The damages awarded by any successful legal actions may outstrip their insurance cover and some names will take immense pleasure in hounding the agencies, which are run by the people responsible for placing them on dud syndicates, all the way into insolvency.

It may not come to that, however. Although Mr Rowland and Mr Middleton have said repeatedly that the offer is "final", it is likely not to be. It is in both sides' interests to reach an amicable resolution of the legal disputes.

One possible scenario is that Mr Rowland will say: "It was a good offer, but you've turned it down. We have wasted too much management time already. We now have got to get on with the business of running the show."

Then he will sit back and do nothing. Let them sweat — both names and errors and omissions underwriters, who provided insurance cover to the members' and managing agents being sued. He may let them wait for several months, in the hope that names may think: "Rowland and Middleton really meant it when they said this was the only and final offer. We called their bluff and lost."



Despite horrendous losses, Lloyd's has easily boosted capacity

E&O underwriters have huffed and puffed and claimed immense generosity by contributing about £400 million towards the £900 million settlement package. The bill was spread among them all but the prospect of litigation will not be relished by many agents, because they may find themselves stumping up significantly more as a result of legal actions than their share under the offer. And there is that dim, but none the less worrying, prospect of insolvency. Maybe, just maybe, they will go back to Messrs Rowland and Middleton, caps in hands, and offer more. Then, the more jittery litigants may accept the increased offer — albeit with a few changes to the settlement terms, such as capping of future losses.

Mr Rowland may decide that if another offer is in the offing, its chances of success would be enhanced if he split the long-tail syndicates from the spiral syndicates.

The spiral has almost worked its way through the market and future potential losses are quantifiable enough for an offer to be made that incorporates the highly prized cap. Meanwhile, the long-tail victims, whose losses remain deep in the realms of the unquantifiable because they emanate from asbestosis and pollution claims in the US, could be left until the end of the year.

This would enable Newco, the new reinsurance company that is set to take over from names the liabilities of insurance policies written in 1985 and before, to be set up. The importance of this is that names will by the end of the year have an indication of what they have to pay to offload their liabilities on to Newco.

It is unlikely that two offers would be made at separate times, however, as E&O underwriters would be reluctant to hand over £x million to names on spiral syndicates before they knew what future long-tail syndicate losses were expected to be. So names may have to wait until Newco has given an idea of the bills to be faced before either camp is in a position to settle.

This scenario would also give Lloyd's and the E&O insurers time to sit back and watch how things fall out in the courts. More than 30 action groups are planning lawsuits and while many do not have court dates set, the first in the queue is the Gooda Walker Action Group, with a hearing set to start on April 26.

More than 3,000 Gooda Walker names are suing 71 members' and managing agents for negligence, in an attempt to recover £580 million of losses. They are also trying to win damages for expected future losses.

This action could be used as a test case. Lloyd's and the E&O underwriters may want to see which way it goes, in the hope that it takes some wind out of the action groups' sails. Litigating names' hopes have been buoyed up by the success Outhwaite names had in pursuing their claims. Outhwaite names won an out-of-court settlement of £116 million and many use this as a yardstick for their own cases.

The advantage to both sides of not settling the Gooda Walker action out of court is that it will act as a benchmark for all the other cases and also set precedants for disputes over what duties agents owe names. Another advantage of a legal action that went the whole way is that it would bring reinsurers into the picture. The E&O underwriters reinsured some of their risk with non-Lloyd's companies, such as big European insurers. Out-of-court settlements may not involve much participation from reinsurers, whereas a judgment would.

The last, and least attractive, scenario is that Lloyd's really does mean it has done its bit and names have missed their chance. So names can now do what they claim they want to do and litigate until the cash cows , as they hope, come home. Several action groups besides the Gooda Walker one have court dates set.

Feltrim Names Association, which represents 1,950 names who are suing their agents for losses of £599 million, is due in court in October, while the Merrett action group has a date set for early next year. Other legal actions are in the pipeline.

The amounts that names stand to recover do not solely depend on court successes, but also on how much money is available to meet any successful claims. Action groups say it is more than enough; not so, say Lloyd's and the E&O underwriters. The fear that there is not enough to go round may prompt a string of negotiated settlements by individual action groups. Once the money has been paid out to meet claims, it will be gone, and that will be that.

TEMPUS

Courage in adversity

COMPETITION in the brewing industry remains as intense as ever to judge from Courage's half-year figures. The company has increased its marketing spending from £20 million to £35 million in the current year, but this has merely prevented a decline in volumes, while operating profits fell by £9 million, to £45 million.

Courage's marketing drive has in part been prompted by the impending loss of its tie to the Chef & Brewer pubs, in March 1995, and the Inntrepreneur estate, in 1997. Together, these ties account for up to a quarter of the company's beer volume. True, Courage will continue to supply the Chef & Brewer after next year's deadline and there remains a chance of renegotiating the Inntrepreneur tie with the Department of Trade. But when these ties are weakened, Courage will be forced to compete in the harsh free-trade world. To do so, it needs strong brands. It must be thankful that the financial fortunes of Foster's, its Australian parent, have revived sufficiently to allow such an initiative.

Courage's determination to maintain and build market share suggests that there will be no respite for the other big brewers, since marketing, which includes free-trade loans, goes in tandem with discounting. Price-cutting is even spreading to on-trade retail prices, something brewers have until now avoided.

With no sign of pressure on the industry declining, the British brewers have to look elsewhere for earnings growth. Whitbread's restaurants have propped up that group's profits before now, but others are not quite so fortunate. Bass depends on an upturn at Holiday Inn, and that may prove elusive.

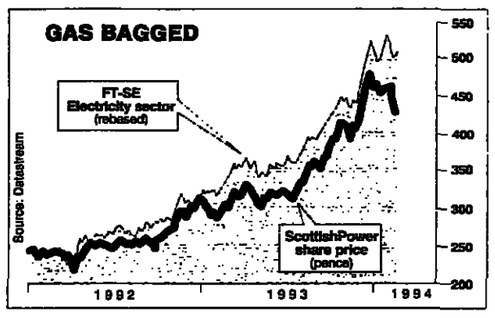
Scottish Power

SCOTTISH Power yesterday signalled that it wants to be a serious player in the domestic gas supply market, and the supply agreement with BP amounts to a pre-emptive strike to secure a reliable source of gas. There is an obvious logic for a company selling one form of energy to householders to supply another. Scottish Power has the necessary billing systems and knows the customer base.

But the Andrew field will be unable to provide enough gas to ensure continuity of supply throughout the winter when, typically, domestic consumption is six times summer levels. Caledonian will have to develop or rent expensive storage facilities to service the domestic market, or sell gas to business customers whose supply can be interrupted to feed peak domestic demand.

Meanwhile, British Gas is unlikely to lie prone as its business is poached. Even if supply from Andrew field is cheap, British Gas will force Caledonian to price low to win every new account.

Vertical integration with Scottish Power's business should provide savings in gas supply but those benefits are not proven. On its own, this deal is unlikely to reawaken interest in the shares, which have been slipping against the sector recently, since they do not offer the dividend growth of the RECs and have not, unlike the English generators, escaped an MMC enquiry.



King & Shaxson

THE sight of a stockbroking firm changing hands is enough to stir unease in anyone who remembers the lunatic scramble for acquisitions in the City in the run-up to Big Bang in 1986. However, King & Shaxson, the smallest of the quoted discount houses, seems to have learnt from the eighties and hedged its acquisition of Greig Middleton with enough conditions and waivers to prevent disaster.

King has not only insisted on an all-paper purchase, but has ensured that all 12 million of the shares it is issuing can be withheld or withdrawn if any black holes in the business emerge later.

Such caution is understandable given the litigious nature of stockbroking. Greig Middleton is already facing one legal action over its second Enterprise Zone Trust, and King has ensured that Greig's shareholders will cover any loss.

Even if King ultimately hands over all 12 million shares, or 43 per cent of its equity, the deal looks inexpensive compared with the sums that changed hands in the eighties. The exit p/e ratio is less than ten, based on Greig's £3.1 million profit last year. King is not known for profligate spending on acquisitions. It last diversified in 1986, when it set up a money broker, and it has been attracted by stockbroking since it does not contain any principal risk of the kind that has laid low rivals like Union Discount. Such caution is vital when the stock market appears so unsettled.

Westminster Health Care

THE market failed to be moved by yet another thumping profits rise at Westminster Health Care, suggesting that it has quickly come to expect good news from the company, which comfortably beat its forecast in last April's flotation. The real risk for Westminster is in driving expectations too far rather than potholes in its path.

That realisation appears to have tempered the company's otherwise bullish outlook, with warnings about the purchasing behaviour of local authorities after last year's community care reforms. Westminster cut the number of beds it brought to the market ahead of the changes, correctly anticipating a slowdown in the pace of booking beds as authorities got to grips with the new regime. Now, it is finding councils demanding on price and quality and still slower than the NHS in buying beds.

That should not cause undue worry for Westminster, which relies on the state sector for 44 per cent of its business, less than rivals such as Takare. However, the housing market, is picking up only slowly, and, without ready buyers for their houses, nursing home clients have less cash to spend on upmarket care.

Such pressures should not hamper growth too heavily considering that Westminster had 34 per cent more beds in operation at the end of November than a year ago and the figure is forecast to rise another 17 per cent by the end of its financial year in May. As ever in the nursing home business, that growth rate is reflected in the shares, trading at 21 times current-year earnings.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

On the ball with Footsie

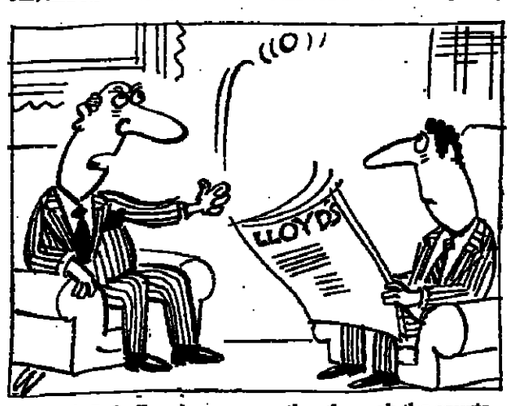
NEXT time you want to know where equity markets are going, ask a bond trader, or better still a fixed interest specialist. The winner has just been announced of the annual competition to predict where Footsie might end the year organised by Champagne Louis Roederer, whose vines trace back to 1776. Thousands of entries were collected from City wine bars during the life of the competition, and the Moor House branch of Balls Brothers was, for the second year running, the home of the winning entry. A jeroboam of Louis Roederer Cristal 1986, specially engraved with the Stock Exchange coat of arms, was collected yesterday by George Ball, former head of international bond sales at Fuji International Finance in London, whose prediction, made in May, was that Footsie would end the year at 3,420 — a mere 1.6 points away from the actual level of 3,418.4. Predictions ranged between 2,800 and 4,000. Ball said he was agog at winning, but between sips whispered that if he was to make a blind guess for a 1994 competition, then he would predict Footsie at 3,045 on December 31. Ball is currently enjoying a "gardening holiday", having left Fuji. He is to join Yamaichi Securities on March 7, where he will specialise in fixed interest stocks.

Lonrho press-up

SOME seek greatness, some have it thrust upon them, and some have it taken away from them even before they have tried on the crown. One Herbert Munangatire of Zimbabwe, said to be long-time political contact of Lonrho's Tiny Rowland, last week announced that he had been appointed deputy chairman of Lonrho Zimbabwe. He told the local press of his elevation, and described himself as having been a "special assistant" to Rowland in the 1970s. Sadly, the board of Lonrho Zimbabwe know nothing of his honour, and Rowland too is scratching his head. It transpires that during a recent meeting with a host of dignitaries, Rowland, with a majestic sweep of his hand, had introduced Munangatire as "the deputy chairman", who took the appointment as read and issued his own press release, now withdrawn.

No U-turn

THIS programme may be subject to change through circumstances beyond our control .... So says the 1994 events programme for Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey, where motoring and aviation events are staged. Quite so. On August 7, there is a day for Rover sports register, followed a week later by a day for BMW Car Club 02 register. Rebecca Wilkes, marketing manager, says "no", the two events will not be merged after BMW's recent takeover of Rover. Both Rover and BMW drivers are welcome.



"Heads I shall seek compensation through the courts, tails through a lottery ticket."

Rare beef

IF YOU were part of a herd of cattle whose roots can be traced to William the Conqueror, and if your breed has roamed on land owned by peers of the realm since 1225 and Henry III, it is only proper that your ending should be in style. Chartley cattle first came to England in 1066, first grazed in Staffordshire in 1248, and in more recent years has grazed at Hedenham, Norfolk. For more than 700 years, the herd has been tended by various members of the family of Earl Ferrers, deputy leader of the Lords. What finer place, then, to end your days than on a plate at the Savoy Grill where (while stocks last) Chartley beef will be a speciality from tomorrow . Appropriately, in *Who's Who*, Lord Ferrers lists his club as Beefsteak.

Great Scot

SCOTTISH Power has decided to throw — in London — a Scottish evening to mark all great things the Scots have done down the years. James Watt, after whom "horsepower" was named, Mary Marchbank, world's first lady cyclist 1840s, Patrick Blair (1666-1728), first person in Britain to dissect an elephant, John Campbell (1822-1885) for the invention of the sunshine recorder, even Sir William McEwen (1848-1924), and the operation for the correction of knock knees. And the date for this truly Scottish evening? March 17 — St Patrick's Day. "You may read nothing into that" Scottish Power said.

Tokyo chat-up

LONELY men in Tokyo are flocking to use a bank of 40 video phones, the latest thing in blind-dating. For a fee equivalent to about £100 for a two hour plus-session, participants chat to one another about their interests, rating their personalities on a keyboard. A computer then matches the couples. Those who don't succeed are sent off with a printout to help them improve their weaknesses. It takes an average of five sessions to find the "ideal" partner — burning a £500 hole in your pocket. An expensive first date.

FROM the Straits Times, Singapore: PG Publishing's best-seller at the annual book fair was 101 Questions and Answers About Pregnancy and Childbirth. *Last year, its best-seller was* 101 Questions and Answers About Sex.

COLIN CAMPBELL



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Fokker cuts 1,900 jobs and curbs production

BY MARTIN BARROW

FOKKER, the Dutch aircraft manufacturer 51 per cent owned by DASA, of Germany, has blamed the prolonged recession in the airline industry for 1,900 redundancies announced yesterday, and for a decision to cut output to just 40 aircraft a year.

However, unions, who will be asked to support the radical restructuring package, said that the workforce was being asked to pay the price for months of infighting in the boardroom.

Meanwhile, analysts gave warning that the redundancies were unlikely to yield significant savings and said that Fokker's independent manufacturing facilities in The Netherlands were at risk.

Fokker said that detailed restructuring proposals would be ready by the end of the month and envisaged redundancies mainly among administrative, supervisory and management staff. A previous restructuring plan, announced last April, resulted in 1,500 redundancies from a target of 2,100 by December 31, leaving 9,000 employees.

The company said that recession in the airline industry had continued for longer than had been expected and that poor financial results had forced airlines to reduce capacity and extend the life of existing aircraft. Fokker is now seeking talks with suppliers, including DASA, to renegotiate long-term contracts in the face of declining prices for its aircraft. However, the company conceded that it would be 1996, at the earliest, before the cutbacks pay off.

FNV, the main Fokker union, said that it was "surprised by, and indignant at," the severity of the cutbacks, which left employees to shoulder the burden after months of conflict in the boardroom.

Two weeks ago, Fokker announced the resignation, "for personal reasons", of Erik Jan Nederkoorn, its chairman, who played a leading role in DASA's acquisition of a 51 per cent shareholding last year. His departure followed criticism by the other two members of the board, who said that they had lost confidence in him. Reinder van Duinen, his deputy, was then asked to act temporarily as chairman, and the board was enlarged from three to six members, including one German representatiave of DASA.

The unions are angry that Fokker continues to pay high prices for spare parts that it acquires from DASA, in spite of last year's takeover. "DASA is strangling Fokker," a spokesman said.

Analysts, who estimate that the job cuts will cost up to £35 million, are inclined to support this argument, but believe that Fokker is unlikely to be able to negotiate more favourable terms. The reduction in costs arising from the redundancies is relatively small, said Richard Brakenhof, an analyst with Mees-Pierson, the broker. "About 80 per cent of the price of Fokker planes derives from supplier prices," he said. "The restructuring will only be succesful if Fokker succeeds in bringing down those prices."

Michael Molenaar, of Robeco, the broker, said: "In two years, it [Fokker] will be a DASA unit."

Under the 1993 takeover agreement between the Dutch state and DASA, it was agreed that Fokker would be able to maintain independent aircraft production facilities in The Netherlands.

Ted Bath



Peter Freke, at one time a manager with Bentley, led the deal to buy the piano factory from the Receiver

Hartstone expects to agree terms

BY OUR CITY STAFF

HARTSTONE, the troubled leather goods group, said that it expects medium-term banking facilities, extending to January 1996, to be agreed with its lenders within ten days.

The group's current standstill agreement with its lenders expires today, but no further arrangements have been agreed. Hartstone promised a further announcement in due course.

At an extraordinary shareholders' meeting yesterday, the board received approval for the sale of Hartstone's French hosiery and socks businesses, together with part of its United Kingdom ladies' hosiery business to Courtaulds Textiles for £45 million. The deal was announced on January 28.

Hartstone shares rose 1p to 77p.

Scottish Power buys £250m gas output

BY CARL MORTISHED

SCOTTISH Power has agreed to buy the entire gas output of the Andrew oil and gas field in the North Sea, worth about £250 million, underpinning the electricity generator's expansion into domestic gas distribution.

The field, east of Aberdeen, is operated by BP in partnership with Lasmo, Fina, Agip and British Gas, and will supply 150 billion cu ft of gas to Scottish Power over 15 years, the biggest purchase yet by the generator and Caledonian Gas, its gas distribution subsidiary.

Martin Fleming, managing director of Caledonian, said that gas from the Andrew field would flow from January 1997, soon after competition begins in the UK's domestic gas supply market in 1996. Caledonian already supplies about 4,000 business customers, but yesterday launched a campaign to attract large domestic users whose bills exceed 2,500 therms or £1,100 a year.

Mr Fleming said that Caledonian's aim was to build up a gas supply at a cost below the price at which British Gas will sell to competitors, currently over 19p per therm. He expects Andrew to represent only a part of the company's gas requirement by 1996, but he indicated that Scottish Power had no plans to buy a share in a North Sea field, similar to PowerGen's recent purchase of 5 per cent of Liverpool Bay. "We believe it is lower risk than buying equity in a field," he added.

Gas from the Andrew field would also help to improve the environmental profile of Scottish Power's generation business, the company said.

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Ex-Bentley Piano trio in buyout

PIANO making is returning to Stroud, Gloucestershire, after a business failure wiped out the Bentley Piano Company there just over a year ago. Three ex-Bentley managers, led by Peter Freke, have just exchanged contracts with the Receiver to buy the factory and machinery. The plan is to start building up production in about three months, with 35 workers getting their jobs back (Derek Harris writes).

Just before Bentley's leading shareholder went into voluntary liquidation, the Bentley name was sold to Welmar, the only other entirely British piano maker.

The Stroud pianos — a new name is still being decided — are expected to sell in the £2,000-£4,500 range. Chris Willcox, sales director, aims to revive UK sales, then to reclaim a presence in overseas markets. Third man in the buyout is Eddie Griffin, production director.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Float puts £20m value on Clinical Computing

CLINICAL Computing, which develops and supplies computer information systems to the healthcare industry, will be capitalised at about £20 million after its stock-market flotation this week. About a quarter of the shares are being placed with institutions, at 124p each, with the proceeds going towards product development and technical sales and support. Total net proceeds from the 4.05 million shares being placed will amount to £3.1 million. Share dealings begin on Thursday.

The company, based at Chiswick, west London, was formed in 1979 by Michael Gordon, chairman, and two Charing Cross Hospital Medical School colleagues to provide computer databases for hospitals and clinics. Mr Gordon will retain 32 per cent. The company, which sells specialist software under the generic name Proton, made pre-tax profits of £1.16 million last year, on a turnover of £2.64 million, with America the main buyer.

BAA traffic rises 5%

BAA said its seven airports handled 5.6 million passengers last month, up 5.4 per cent on a year ago. Traffic at Heathrow, the world's busiest international airport, rose 7 per cent to 3.53 million passengers; Gatwick was unchanged at 1.22 million passengers while Stansted rose 20 per cent to 149,600. Southampton traffic rose 20.7 per cent to 23,500 passengers. BAA said domestic and European scheduled traffic rose 6 per cent and long haul 12 per cent. But charter traffic fell 1.4 per cent and north Atlantic routes rose 0.3 per cent.

Westminster Health up

WESTMINSTER Health Care, the private nursing home operator, boosted interim taxable profits to £5.2 million (£1.6 million). Its 50 homes will contain 4,010 beds by the trading year-end. Pat Carter, chief executive, said the company would continue to benefit from smaller operators closing, and the NHS withdrawal from geriatric care. Westminster paid a maiden interim dividend of 1.75p for the six months to November 30, 1993. Earnings per share rose 59 per cent to 8.6p (5.4p).

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Camco profits Pearson

PEARSON'S 1993 results, due on March 28, will include a contribution of £20.6 million from Camco International, its former US oilfield equipment and services subsidiary. Pearson raised £200 million through the initial public offering of 55 per cent of Camco, whose shares are now listed separately in New York. The company has already indicated it will report a non-operating loss on the Camco transaction in its 1993 results. Pearson shares fell 12p to 682p.

IBM in Unisys deal

IBM and Unisys, competitors in making and selling mid-sized and large computers, have reached a deal for IBM to make chips designed by Unisys. The chips will be used in mainframe-class "servers", which process data for networks of personal computers. The complementary metal oxide semiconductor, or CMOS, chips are the kind that run PCs. Unisys is moving to CMOS from emitted coupler logic, which is a form of an older bipolar transistor chip design.

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Dated this fourteenth day of February 1994
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No. 00808 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28 January 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £10,000,000 to £100 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 23rd day of February 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 15th day of February 1994.
Boodle Hatfield
42 Brook Street,
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Tel: 071 629 7411 Ref: JLS
Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 00704 of 1994
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Our Ref. SE/PMW/AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting (unless attending in person) must lodge a proxy at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD no later than noon on 8th March 1994.
A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6SD between 10am and 5pm during the two days next before the meeting.
Dated the 11 day of February 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
DA Sears
Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
SAUNDERS COMPLETE SERVICES LIMITED
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories) of the above-named Company held on Friday 4th February 1994 Jamie Taylor of Messrs Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4RY, having provided written statement that (he) qualified to act as (an) insolvency practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that (he) consent so to act (was) appointed (liquidator of the Company).
Dated 4th February 1994
(Chairman)
RONALD SAUNDERS

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 10th February 1994 I Lynn Gibson was appointed Liquidator of the above named company which is Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the company and by the Creditors of the Company.
Creditors of the company who have already done so, should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD by the 11th March 1994.
L. Gibson
Joint Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
SAUNDERS COMPLETE SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 22nd March 1994, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default therefore they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 8th February 1994
Jamie Taylor - Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
MINTZ & DAVIS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 24th March 1994, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts of claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default therefore they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 10th February 1994
Jamie Taylor - Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
MINTZ AND DAVIS LIMITED
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and (Contributories) of the above-named Company held on Wednesday 9th February 1994 Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, having provided written statement that (he is) qualified to act as (an) insolvency practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 and that (he) consent so to act, (was) appointed (liquidator of the Company).
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LAURENCE DAVIS

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Guiding managers and customers

BY RODNEY HOBSON

A GUIDE for growing small businesses that is an education for the bank manager as much as the entrepreneur has been produced by National Westminster Bank.

The bank has already sent 750 senior staff on courses at Durham University Business School and has spent a year on research to get the package right. The publication, titled *In Control*, has been awarded the Crystal mark for clarity and is being issued this month.

Steve Leverton, a manager in commercial banking services, says: "Many small businessmen work on the back of an envelope. We want to turn that into a sophisticated technique."

The booklet is the third in a series and marks a move into a more ambitious market as the recession shows signs of coming to an end. NatWest has been distributing its start-up guide for about eight years and has handed out 250,000 copies of its guide to existing small businesses launched last year.

Those packages were given away free. The new guide is designed to be used by bank manager and client together. Mrs Jane Bradford, head of small business at the bank, said: "There is resistance to written material because small business owners face heavy demands on their time and have to plough through a lot of paperwork already. We tested a prototype on 26 small business customers before publishing it."

NatWest found that only two out of five of its small business customers used a personal computer, so it developed a paper-based system with simple language without being patronising.

The bank expects the package to be most popular with financially unsophisticated business owners who are ambitious for growth and who want to become more professional. The package has six sections, three guides and three worksheets. The breakeven sections help businesses to assess what they need to do to stay afloat and maximise profits. The cash guide and worksheet help to control stock, debtors and creditors.

Firms have a say before red tape ties them up

BY DEREK HARRIS

THE Government's crackdown on red tape will include a small business litmus test. It should bring an increasing bonus for small business as the campaign to cut red tape continues, with a high priority given to it by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who announced the initiative last month.

The Bill includes a new power allowing abolition and reform of outdated and burdensome regulations without, it is claimed, sacrificing protection. The small business test will mean that new rules will be put to two or three small businesses representative of the sector to which the rule will apply. Ministries will discuss the likely impact with them. If regulations will affect more than one sector, small firms in every sector involved will be contacted. Additionally, Whitehall departments will be free to consult trade associations.

A safeguard is that ministers may be asked to justify their selection of firms and how they are representative.

The litmus test is the upshot of the trade department's philosophy of "thinking small" where Government and EC regulations are concerned. Under the deregulation drive, over 450 pieces of bureaucracy are targeted. It is planned that companies with turnover up to £90,000 will not need an audit. Those with turnover of £90,000 to £350,000 will be able to replace an audit with an accountant's report.



Versatile artist keeping busy with varied palette of orders

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWNE

MARTIN BEDDALL



Lindsey Goldsmith with a living room in Muswell Hill, painted in blue streaks for a client

THE image of the struggling artist in a small studio with only a log fire and a duvet to keep her warm is never far from the mind of Lindsey Goldsmith, 37. For that is how she began her working life.

After leaving Cambridge, with a degree in the history of art, and travelling the world for three years, Ms Goldsmith moved into a one-room garret in Brentford, west London, where she painted and silk screened fabrics and developed a line in decorative duvet covers.

Then, just before the Thatcher boom, she was "discovered" by a Mayfair property developer who needed murals to brighten up drab basement flats and offices.

After several years, the fashion for murals temporarily dwindled. However, another trend was emerging. Companies were using large-scale demonstrations, exhibitions and product launches to advertise their wares. Ms Goldsmith found a new outlet, painting sets and backdrops for corporate displays.

She said: "The art world is like the theatre. Working full-time as a freelance is like being an 'in work' actor. There is always the threat of 'resting' behind you, so you have to go out and chase the work. If you are not a graphic artist or interior designer, the chances of being able to concentrate on one thing are slight, unless you are brilliant or very lucky. I decided the best way to make money was to be versatile — to be a jobbing artist."

She found that while working on commercial sets, employees of companies would commission portraits or watercolours of favourite scenes. The extra money meant she could afford to buy a house in Isleworth.

Then market forces again intervened. During East End redevelopment in the late 1980s, large building sites often used hoardings showing impressionist archways and housing scenes.

Ms Goldsmith was again contacted for her mural skills. This time, she found the work much tougher, with blank hoardings up to 150ft long and 20ft high, a constant flow of traffic surging by and bursts of wolf whistling. However, she made a point to keep business cards in her pocket for any developers noticing her work. If interest were shown, she would hand over a card and ask for a Polaroid photograph of the prospective site. She would then give a presentation to the company. "It meant I could find out if the job was a serious proposition, what the time span was and if I was physically able to do it," she said. This led to a flurry of new contracts until the start of the recession.

Other work also suffered in the recession and, for two years, she "only just survived". However, she used her paintings to make money, exhibiting at London and provincial art centres. By mid-1992, she found another useful niche designing fire screens for country houses.

BRIEFINGS

The National Westminster Ban has drawn a further £6 millio from the European Coal and Ste Community Fund for job-creatio projects in areas which have bee affected by pit closures. More tha 500 jobs will be created, mainly i northeast Yorkshire and the Ea Midlands.

Under the scheme, Nationa Westminster Bank offers fixed-rat loans at preferential rates to bus ness customers who are undertal ing projects that will increas employment locally. Loans ar available to sole traders and par nerships as well as to limite companies and can be for as litt as £15,000 with repayment sprea over eight years.

☐ A £380,000 funding package t create small businesses in Clogher Northern Ireland, has been an nounced by the International Fun for Ireland, an organisation estab lished by the British and Irish governments in 1986. The packag was awarded after regeneratio proposals were submitted by Th Clogher Development Association a cross-community organisatio set up by local people. Small retai and workshop units will be provid ed in an old courtyard in the mai street. Property owners will b encouraged to bring vacant an derelict premises back to commer cial use.

☐ The Country Living Fair open on March 1 at the Business Desig Centre in Islington, north London More than 300 small businesse will be exhibiting, ranging from cake and cheesemakers to knitters jewellery designers and furniture makers.

☐ A guide to grants from Europe for small and medium-sized busi nesses is now available. *Getting European Community Help fo your Company* is by Cecilia Ander son, published by Kogan Page a £12.95.

EDITED BY DEREK HARRIS

Safeway lets local producers supply a flavour of the area

ONE of Britain's biggest supermarket chains is helping small businesses in the food and drink sector by encouraging them to become regional suppliers (Rodney Hobson writes).

The scheme, run by Argyll's Safeway, runs contrary to the accepted notion that suppliers must be big enough to provide goods for the entire national network. Safeway has already canvassed small suppliers in the West Country, Hereford and Worcester, Yorkshire and Scotland. This month, its team was in Northern Ireland tasting goods.

Geoff Richmond, who organised an exhibition held by Hereford and Worcester Training and Enterprise Council (Hawtec), said: "They were very co-operative and sent a high-powered team with buyers, quality control, and packaging experts. It meant the local producers were not seen as individuals knocking on the door one at a time and having difficulty in being taken seriously."

Hawtec has set up an initiative to promote the benefits of sourcing supplies locally. A high percentage of local products are in food and drink, so Mr Richmond invited Safeway to an exhibition by 26 local suppliers at Leominster. He said: "The traditional supermarket attitude is that if you cannot supply all the branches then you are not big enough to come to the ball. If you go into a supermarket in Hereford you cannot buy meat that is identified as Hereford. I was trying to persuade them that they were missing out by not taking a regional approach." He hoped two or three producers would win contracts to supply half a dozen outlets. In the event, six were signed up to supply the region.

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Nat	505	-7	11.8	2.9	19.6
314	179	Allied Irish	276	...	...	3.8	14.1
270½	170	Aus New Z	273½	+7½	...	3.3	21.9
3800½	2712	Bankamerica	2937½	-12½	...	...	
319	177	Bk of Ireland	276	-1	...	4.5	20.3
396	225	Bk Leumi UK	395	...	17.0	4.4	...
247	110½	Bank Scotland	219	-3½	4.6	2.2	29.7
852	502	Barclays	579	-5	...	2.7	...
30	8	Carlisle	28	...	...	...	...
675	395	Cater Allen	640	...	25.0	5.5	...
160	85	Cattles	164	-5	...	3.4	21.8
2485½	1542½	Chase Manh	2300				
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2837½				
569	250	Close Bros	535	-3	...	2.6	14.5
£153½	91½	Commerzbk	£137½	+6½	...	2.8	...
£348½	£250	Deutsche Bk	£317½	+3½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	85	...	...	2.2	...
1681	836	Fuji Bank Y	1552	-40	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	500	-3	21.5	5.4	13.7
1112	490	HSBC	947	-23	20.0	2.5	23.0
1133	474	HSBC HK	1006	-38	20.0	2.5	24.1
473	233	Hambros	446	-4	14.5	4.0	20.0
443	313	Joseph (L)	435	...	16.5	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	160	...	9.0	6.8	...
692	312	Kleinwort Ben	600	+7	16.7	3.1	23.1
690	492	Lloyds	597	-10	...	4.2	12.4
118	60	Lon Scot Bk	114	-1	...	3.4	...
628½	322	Nat Aust Bk	505½	-1	...	4.6	14.5
654	398	Nat West	571	-3	17.5	4.0	13.5
473	270	Provident	528	-3	12.4	2.6	22.5
94	36	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	60.0
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	495	+5	...	2.4	25.0
1480	467½	Schroders	1358	-32	...	1.1	23.5
1477	576	Stand Chart	1265	-34	30.5	2.1	...
241	149	TSB	230½	-5½	...	2.9	19.7
199	73	Union Disc	195	...	...	...	...
1012	520	Warburg SG	886	-2	...	2.7	13.0
9265	4843	Wells Fargo	9025	-15	...	3.0	...
260	121	Westpac	237	-2	...	2.1	...
360	189	Wintrust	353	...	...	2.2	33.0

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	612	...	...	4.4	17.0
647	441	Bass	516	-2	...	4.6	13.7
299	199	Boddington	278	-2	5.5	3.4	16.2
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	436	-1	...	3.9	16.3
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	172	...	4.7	3.5	14.5
161	75	Eldridge P 'A'	168	...	...	2.2	22.0
70	50	Fosters Brewing	69½	+3	...	4.7	...
487	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	467	-12	7.5	1.9	20.4
506	373	Grand Met	443	-3	...	3.7	17.2
511	347	Greenalls Grp	455	-2	...	3.1	15.8
554	505	Greene King	547	...	...	2.8	16.3
342	258	Guinness	317	-5	...	2.9	19.3
80	32	Hall's Hldgs	72	...	...	...	55.4
261	230	Hardy Hansn	261	...	...	4.1	14.0
150	105	Heavitree	150	...	3.6	3.0	...
457	253	Highland Dstl	441	...	...	1.4	21.8
2226	2538	Hein J	2272	-25	42.0	1.7	20.7
186	115	Macallan-Glen	151	...	4.3	3.6	22.9
465	365	Maclay Marst A	445	...	...	2.5	21.3
240	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.3	15.3
302	231	Minson Thmp	296	...	...	2.3	16.5
595	298½	Matthew Clark	575	...	...	2.1	21.6
300	210	Mrydwn W	217	-3	7.9	4.1	19.0
590	495	Morland	510	...	...	2.4	17.5
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.5	18.5
262	145	Regent Inns	262	+3	...	2.1	26.6
1721½	1557½	SA Breweries	1575½	-21½	...	2.1	21.1
591	395	Scot & New	515	-3	...	4.1	15.5
222	155	Taunton Cider	170	-1	6.2	4.6	13.3
306	213	Vaux Group	285	...	...	4.2	16.3
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	400	-2	...	1.7	31.0
617	435	Whitbread 'A'	534	-10	...	4.2	13.5
613	465	Wolvrhmptn D	542	...	...	2.9	15.4
526	475	Young 'A'	503	...	11.7	3.5	21.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
235	72	Abbey	215	...	...	1.2	33.7
27	12	Allbrighton	24	...	...	0.5	...
300	97	Allen	196	...	...	3.2	44.1
160	65	Amec	146	-1	...	2.2	27.0
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12				
415	150	Ashtead	418	-3	...	1.4	44.2
165	101	Atwoods	164	...	...	2.3	...
365	180	BPB Ind	355	-4	...	2.7	42.5
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	123	...	...	3.2	37.0
41	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
105	66	Barcom	60	...	...	5.4	8.3
57	32½	Bardon	57	...	2.0	4.5	25.6
292	64	Barratt Devs	281	-2	...	1.9	31.2
304	152½	Bellway	282	-6	...	2.7	26.5
50	15	Bellwinch	58				
237	98	Beristord Intl	243	+4	...	...	...
373	295½	Berkeley Gp	370	...	...	1.4	38.8
153	45	Bett Bros	151	...	...	1.7	19.5
77	36	Blockleys	54	...	1.0	1.5	...
201	180	Blue Circle	300	...	...	3.9	...
395	230	Bovis (Henry)	336	...	6.0	2.2	18.4
117	79	Breedon PLC	114	...	4.6	5.0	24.0
145	82	Br Dredging	144	...	5.2	4.5	32.0
93	45	Brit Fittings	95	...	1.7	2.2	...
197	90	Bryant	188	...	...	3.2	28.6
146	53	CALA	141	-1	...	...	...
340	200	CRH	278	-1	...	2.3	20.8
65	18	Cakebread Rby	65	+2			
42	21	Costain	39½				
155	56½	Countryside	174	...	...	3.0	...
116½	35½	Crest Nicholson	114	+1	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	135	...	...	0.9	...
25½	15	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	0.3	1.7	...
300	176	Epwin	300	...	7.0	2.9	25.4
80	22	Erith	77	...	0.3	9.6	...
506	252	Ets Groupe	456	-1	...	1.8	17.5
245	97	Freeman Gps	244	...	6.0	3.1	29.2
59	25	Galliford	59	...	...	2.9	...
91	52	Gibbs & Dandy	90				
1025	645	Gleeson (MJ)	1020	...	...	1.6	17.7
6264	75	Hewden-Stuart	166	...	...	2.1	35.5
51	28	Henderson	51	...	...	3.3	31.3
475	173	Heywd Wlm	451	-3	13.0	4.0	...
145	57	Higgs & Hill	129	...	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	Hew Gp	31	...	...	4.5	...
25	15	Howard Hldgs	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
100	70	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.3	...
25	12½	Jarvis	21½				
428	186	Laing (J)	410	-2	9.0	2.7	16.4
164	103	-do- 6½% Cv Pf	157	...	...	5.1	...
145	55	Ln Clydesdale	136	...	...	4.3	27.1
230	100	Lovell (YJ)	155	-1	...	...	70.4
405	240	Manders	397	-1	4.3	2.9	24.3
219	93	Marley	194	-1	4.2	2.7	59.9
155	56	Marshalls	143	-4	...	3.5	...
252	122	Maunders (J)	250	...	...	2.6	24.1
299	96	McAlpine (A)	286	...	0.5	2.8	49.5
82	25	McCarthy & S	78	...	0.5	0.8	...
595	272	Meyer Int	549	-1	...	2.3	55.0
183	62	Mowlem (J)	180	-1	4.0	2.5	...
195	51	NSM	157	...	...	...	...
52	41	Needler	41	...	...	4.4	19.1
186	100	Newman Tnkr	181	-1	...	4.6	24.2
382	197	Persimmon	371	-1	6.6	2.9	37.9
26	9	Phoenix Timber	17	+1			
1790½	1277	Pochins	1790½	...	20.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prowting	192	...	3.4	2.5	...
1079	355	RMC Gp	959	-5	...	2.6	36.0
117	75	Raine Ind	108	-5	...	3.5	25.6
36	19	Ramus	32				
640	402	Redland	567	-6	25.0	5.3	34.2
86	64	Rockel	71	...	4.3	7.6	10.5
371	207	Rugby Group	323	+4	6.4	2.5	21.7
68	23	Swift-Rees	56	...	...	0.5	...
199	66	Sharpe & Fisher	190	...	...	2.6	31.3
234	86	Shelfield Insl	230	-3	...	2.4	66.7
366	62	Sherift Hldgs	358	...	...	1.5	24.6
110	68	Shorco	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	245	+10	...	4.5	19.5
12	1½	Starmin	4½	+½			
204½	100	Tarmac	184	+1	5.5	3.7	...
245	131	Tay Homes	245	...	...	3.0	30.3
193	65	Taylor Woodrw	162	+2	1.0	0.8	...
758	433	Tilbury Dougls	753	...	33.0	5.5	24.7
74	19	Totex Hires	54	...	...	1.4	...
370	169	Travis Perkins	336	+1	8.0	3.0	59.2
44	5	Trencherwood	29	+2			
43	25	Try Group	30	...	1.0	3.5	10.2
25	21	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
113	41	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.9	40.3
74	20	Ward Hldgs	70				
45	25	Waterhouse	43				
475	360	Watts Blake	455	...	...	3.2	19.6
225½	90	Westbury	212	...	5.0	2.9	31.1
7	3	Wiggins	6½				
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	562	...	...	2.0	39.x
259	147	Wilson (C)	240	-4	3.9	2.0	41.6
249	104	Wimpey G	233	...	...	2.9	...
47	15	YRM	23				

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	463	ADT	725	+6			
393	196	Adam & Harvey	391	+3	13.0	4.1	7.2
92	58	Air London	89	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	48	...	2.0	5.2	...
178	92	Auto Sec	137	+3	...	3.6	24.6
162	94	BET Ord	143	...	...	2.0	7.8
145	41	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.5	...
318	155	BPP	253	...	5.3	4.1	14.0
186	154	BSM	184	...	...	3.9	16.1
265	195	Barbour Index	230	...	8.1	4.7	14.8
25	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	194	Brit Data Mgs	206	...	4.7	2.9	14.9
29	11	Broadcastle	29	...	...	1.1	23.1
76	49	Brooks Service	75	...	...	0.8	...
110	86	CRT Gp	110	...	...	3.3	19.7
240	139½	Capita Group	220	...	...	1.2	34.4
59	31	Casket Pk	56	-½	...	2.0	21.5
35	18½	Chiltern Capital	34½	-½			
54	26	Christie	54				
423	228	Chubb Sec	396	+3	...	1.7	24.2
132	90	Comace	114	...	...	1.6	29.8
48	6½	Corp Services	47				
46	20	Coutts Cnstg	42				
159	50	Darr	159	...	3.3	2.6	21.0
276	199	Davis Service	267	-2	...	3.7	20.1
151	85	EW Fact	151	...	4.4	3.7	17.3
34	11	Gardiner	30½	...	0.7	3.0	...
334	215	Hays	317	-1	...	2.1	25.x
299	174	Hope Robinsn	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
365½	127	Hunch Whamp	319	-13½	...	1.5	26.4
2490½	975	ISS B DKr	2684½	-6½	...	0.8	18.5
577	475	Inchcape	577	-2	...	3.1	16.8
1035	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.1	22.4
12	2½	Lep	7½				
362	173	Mitie Gp	362	...	4.0	1.4	24.9
1254½	893½	Manpower	1175	-10½			
76½	40½	Michael Page	77	...	1.8	2.9	32.7
279	110	Pennant	110	...	9.0	9.1	4.1
10½	2	Prime People	4½				
142	57	Proudfoot	87	-1	...	21.6	4.8
423	337	RCO	400	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
118	86	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
127	43	Reed Executive	125				
135	105	Reliance Sec	129	+3	4.5	4.4	33.8
279	178	Rentokil	257	-2	2.5	1.2	32.1
366	222	Roue & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	24.9
391	287	Salvesen (C)	289	...	...	3.4	19.2
58	26	Scott Pickford	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.3
17½	5	Select App	13½				
1358	675	Serco Gp	1333	...	13.3	1.2	36.9
352	83	Shered Crops	93	-6	...	0.4	2.7
130	91	Skretley	116	-1	...	3.2	29.3
395	310	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.3
45	22	Welpac	30				
29½	14	Wills Gp	29½	+1	...	1.7	20.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280	210	Allied Colloids	277	-3	...	2.0	25.5
1060	613	Amersham	1044	-1	...	1.7	30.6
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2½				
£119½	8325	BASF DM	£115½	-50	...	5.5	...
373	199	BTP	340	...	...	3.4	27.5
£143½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£139½	-46½	...	3.8	...
176	105	Blagden	166	-1	6.5	4.8	18.1
165	93	Brent Chems	123	-1	...	7.5	11.3
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	385				
39	5	Carid Gp	11½	-½	...	...	32.6
199	136	Canning (W)	179	-1	7.2	5.1	20.5
608	421	Courtaulds	497½	-7½	...	3.6	12.5
376	228	Croda	363	...	...	2.7	20.8
149	103	Doefles	132	+5	4.6	4.4	10.1
282	175	Ellis & Everard	271	...	...	3.3	22.7
42½	15½	Euro Colour	38½	...	0.8	2.9	18.4
351	259	Halstead (J)	345	...	...	2.4	17.1
241	150	Hickson	193	...	...	5.2	17.9
£125½	8890	Hoechst	£117½	-40½	...	3.1	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	197	+2	...	2.3	18.1
815	608	ICI	782	-5	...	4.4	...
941	576	Laporte	806	-14	19.9	3.0	22.8
248	181	Leigh	215	-1	...	4.6	16.0
97½	35	MTM	66				
2365½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2253½	-6½	...	1.2	32.4
608	370	Peterson Zoch	577	...	...	2.7	19.5
590	380	-do- 'A'	547	...	...	2.9	18.5
256	193	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	20.3
303	173	Porvair	290	...	3.8	1.6	31.0
70	36	Sutcliffe Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
620	395	Wolstenholme R	620	...	17.0	3.4	21.2
493	331	Yorks Chem	479	-1	...	2.0	25.7
312	233	Yule Catto	307	...	...	2.4	29.1
809	540	Zeneca	771	+9	...	4.5	45.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	79	+1	...	5.0	...
245	175	Allders	235	+1	...	3.4	19.9
410	257	Amos Plc	372	+6	...	2.4	21.5
25	8	Ashley Group	9				
119	60	Ashley (Laura)	98	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	272	Asprey	343	+1	5.2	1.9	22.1
199	98	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.2	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	10.0
150	84	Benalls	147	-2	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Bentalls	140	...	...	2.0	10.5
47	25	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.0	...
261½	173	Body Shop	245	-1	...	0.9	31.6
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	2.5	5.0
491	318	Brown (N)	490	...	...	1.4	28.x
97½	54	Burton	55½	...	...	4.5	...
245	126	Cantors	235	...	...	1.7	32.6
550	396	Church	463	...	12.5	3.4	41.2
163	47	Clinton Cards	160	...	13	3.4	10.3
287	212	Coats Viyella	272	...	...	3.4	27.x
170	73	Colourvision	97	...	5.0	1.7	16.3
181	154	Ctry Casuals	165	...	...	...	15.3
935	374	Courts Furnish	375	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
170	115	Crown Eyes	170	+5	7.5	5.5	11.6
137	99	Dairy Farm Int	122½	+5½	...	3.0	13.0
109	51½	Dewhurst (D)	109	...	6.5	0.9	31.0
293	199	Dixons Grp	284	-2	...	3.0	...
21	5	ERA Gp	...	...	...	...	63.7
590	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	550	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
271	71	Essex Furn	271	+17	...	1.6	43.4
273	203	Etam	254	...	7.0	3.4	25.5
686	494	Fine Art Dev	525	-2	13.0	3.1	17.1
70	26	Fired Earth Tile	49				
713	495	Forminster	708	...	14.5	2.6	12.0
150	24	French Conns	150				
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.0	20.5
105	23	Goldsmiths Gp	96	...	0.5	0.5	...
669	534	GUS	567	+13	...	2.5	18.0
40	21	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	7.0	12.4
277	30	Harlstone	272	+1			
339	20	Helene Plc	27	...	2.0	8.5	13.4
110	29	Hennings	93				
37	29	Honeysuckle	35	+7	...	3.3	12.5
211	63	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	2.2	14.3
783	496	Kingfisher	640	-3	...	2.7	22.0
54	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	54	+1	4.0	10.2	17.5
685	495	Liberty	543	...	7.2	1.7	63.0
380	231	Lloyds Chem	330	...	...	2.0	11.0
184	120	MFI	180	+1	...	1.7	...
401½	311	Marks Spencer	425	+2	...	2.5	21.x
680	446	Menzies (John)	670	+2	...	2.1	17.4
297	135	Moss Bros	287	+2	5.5	2.4	...
351	139½	Next	325	+1	3.5	1.9	27.2
46	15	Oliver (G)	45				
335	197	Oriflame Intl	315	...	...	2.9	15.4
63	24	Pentos	34	...	0.8	5.9	...
717	135	QS Hldgs	266	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	39				
205	120	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
191	135	Sherwood Gp	177	...	...	1.9	15.6
132	9½	Sears	119	...	...	3.7	47.8
41½	11	Signet Group	30				
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	492	...	...	3.4	15.9
100	83	-do- B	100	...	...	3.2	19.7
31	1½	Specialeyes	13				
224	176	Storehouse	234	+6	...	2.7	23.1
199	146	T & S Stores	190	...	6.0	4.2	13.4
265	71	Tie Rack	162	...	1.0	0.8	26.4
254	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
171	93	Usher (Frank)	123	...	8.0	1.0	10.6
465	302	Vendome	436	-5	...	1.8	20.3
43	27	Vista	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
57	42	WEW Group	59	...	...	2.9	43.5
54	24	Wearwell	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
150	76	Wicket	121	-2	...	0.2	55.0
49	27	Wld of Leather	39				
195	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.6	25.1
4	2	Xtra-vision	2				

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
157	134	ACT Group	152	-1	...	3.4	13.3
275	222	Acula	265	-1	...	3.0	19.1
492	365	Admiral	492	-4	...	1.4	20.9
154	104	Alba	150	...	...	3.3	21.0
35	19½	Alphameric	30				
55	22	Amstrad	29	...	...	1.0	...
129	61	App Hold	95				
43	21	Arlen	36				
94½	35	Astec	94½	...	...	0.3	...
271	230	Azlan	230	-1	...	3.4	31.x
295	224	Beales Hunter	276	...	...	4.2	17.2
4	2	Bennett & Fountain	3½				
478	319	BICC	441	-1	19.2	5.4	...
550	408	Blick	530	...	...	2.4	19.3
1700	925	Borland	977				
384	270	Bowthorpe	369	-1	...	2.4	24.2
489	384	BT	430	-1	...	4.5	21.5
372	310	BT P/P	331	-2	...	4.5	21.3
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	...	0.1	0.7	...
100	48	Bunzfield	72	...	5.7	10.0	11.4
545	334	Cable Wireless	484	-1	...	2.0	25.3
33	11½	Chloride	32				
276	226	CML Micro	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.0
137	75	Compt People	125				
202	108	Cray Elect	195½	+2	...	1.1	19.1
347	243	Critchley	345	...	...	1.2	25.6
560	414	Delta	517	+2	...	3.4	21.6
586	206	Denmans Ele	578	...	...	2.4	18.6
620	395	Domino	515	+5	7.9	1.9	...
77	45	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
1930	965	Druck	1630	+5	10.3	0.8	22.7
599	356	Electrocomps	544	...	...	1.9	30.6
710	470	El Data Prc	575	+10	...	2.1	16.3
175	47	Electron House	160	...	...	2.1	25.9
35	10	Emess	33½	-½	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	754	-2	...	1.6	25.6
231	108	FKI	194	-3	...	2.3	25.4
666	340	Farnell Elect	586	-3	...	1.4	31.0
91	31	Feedback	89	...	...	3.9	9.3
326	101	First Tech	324	...	...	0.8	27.0
270	51	Forward Gp	216	...	4.0	2.2	15.3
19	13½	Forward Tech	19				
367	264	GEC	344	-1	10.4	3.9	17.2
191	132	Graseby	186	...	...	3.3	39.1
34½	7½	Grayshine	13½				
52	75	Hitech	52	...	0.5	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	146	...	3.1	2.6	10.6
193	118	Ind Control	153	...	...	3.0	18.4
389	320	Jones Stroud	368	+1	...	3.1	14.x
120	79	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	29.0
19	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
396	260	Kenwood App	388	...	...	2.2	21.9
299	47	Kewill Sys	285				
209	100	Kode	143	-3	6.0	5.2	17.0
60	10	Laser-Scan	26				
365	122	LBMS	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	293	-3	9.0	3.9	...
179	129	Life Sciences	150	...	3.7	3.0	16.9
314	164	Logica	310	-1	...	1.6	35.7
55	14	LPA Ind	47	...	...	6.5	...
229	162	MB Data Mngmt	214	...	...	3.3	20.1
223	55	Macro 4	215	...	...	3.1	21.9
261	172½	Mercier-Sw	232	-1	...	2.1	20.1
1012	923	Micro Focus	990	...	...	...	9.1
250	144	Microgen	169	...	7.2	5.4	...
38	23½	Microvitec	36½				
590	357	Misys	558	...	...	1.7	20.4
584	98	Mitel	426	-10			
171	108	MMT Comps	168	...	...	3.0	22.9
52	10	Molynx	14	...	1.3	6.9	...
272	202	MTL Insts	265	...	...	1.7	20.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	141	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	58	Murray Ent	130	-2	...	1.8	...
3206½	2595½	NYNEX	3209½				
186	121	Neutronics	121	...	...	2.7	21.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	52				
339	56	Norbain	335	...	...	0.6	20.0
75	20	Northamber	60	+2	0.6	1.2	...
19½	5	Oceonics	8				
357	145	Oxford Instr	354	...	4.6	1.6	24.4
57	29	P & P	51	...	2.0	3.5	...
89	55	Peek	85	...	3.4	4.3	24.6
235	115	Pegasus	230	...	...	3.5	54.0
£104½	9000	Philips Fin 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1575½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1640½	+5½			
415	211	Phonelink	405				
327	171½	Pilot	327	...	...	1.6	27.4
317	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	317	...	...	1.6	26.6
96	40	Plasmec	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
121	76	Pressac	121	+1	...	2.2	25.0
261	81	Psion	253	...	2.5	1.2	64.5
261	147	Racal Elect	210	...	4.2	2.5	12.5
70	33	Radamec	50	...	...	3.3	10.7
70	24	Radius	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
114	61	Real Time	107	-2	...	3.5	22.0
35	15	Riva	15	...	...	...	22.5
629	367	Sage Gp	570	...	...	2.2	17.5
390	222	Sanderson Elec	345	...	9.9	3.6	14.7
99	49	Scantronic	87	...	3.1	4.6	23.6
210	117	Scholes Grp	203	...	...	3.0	26.9
375	220	Sema Gp	356	...	2.0	1.0	29.9
275	235	Servomex	265	+1	5.9	2.6	20.0
49	26	Silvermines	45	...	...	2.6	...
94	27	Soundtracks	57	...	2.1	3.5	...
2721½	1727½	TDK	2587½	-112½	...	1.2	23.x
27	4½	TDS Circuits	15				
198	80	Telemetrix	146	+2	0.6	0.7	24.1
272	178	Telspec	231	...	...	1.1	35.2
1157	909	THORN EMI	1063	-2	...	3.7	25.1
166	96	Thorpe FW	163	...	...	2.0	19.0
103	23	Total Systems	56	...	1.5	5.2	6.4
303	186	Tunstall	295	...	...	1.7	...
324	164	Unitech	316	...	...	2.5	53.4
16	6	Verity	15½				
35	22	Vistec	28½	-½	0.3	1.6	16.8
637	367	Vodafone	620	-4	...	1.3	27.0
483	368	Volex	474	...	18.1	4.8	19.5
25	11	Western Select	23	...	0.2	1.4	...
335	223	Wholesale Ftgs	310	...	11.7	4.8	32.6

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	390	East Midlands	654	-12	...	3.9	11.6
725½	390	Eastern Elec	676	-2	...	3.8	12.9
480	304	Hydro-Elect	412	-3	...	3.6	14.5
737	404	London Elect	667	-11	...	4.0	12.6
850	459	Manweb	750	-22	...	3.6	9.5
767	424	Midlands Elec	667	-24	...	4.0	10.5
510	273	National Powr	491	-15½	...	2.8	12.2
801	440	Northern Elec	701	-22	...	4.0	9.1
295	100	Nthn Ireland	281	-8	...	3.1	13.x
808	439	Norweb	711	-19	20.8	3.7	10.2
577	285	PowerGen	550	+9	...	2.5	14.4
447	283	Scottish Power	416	-3	...	3.5	16.5
435	218	Seeboard	370	-13	...	3.5	11.6
825	499	Sth Wales	725	-15	...	4.0	11.1
743	425	Sth Western	658	-17	...	4.0	9.7
745	406	Southern Elec	675	-6	...	3.6	8.9
729	455	Yorkshire Elec	664	-16	...	4.1	12.x

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
62½	53	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD	157	-2	3.4	2.7	24.5
119	26	Baltic Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
757	413	Caledonia	743	-5	...	2.6	27.6
2025	1075	Camellia	2025	...	...	1.0	7.6
363	243	Candover	350	-3	10.4	3.7	...
465	155	Gevest	452	+1	...	3.6	13.3
250	125	Ivory Sime	225	-12	...	2.9	19.4
439	150	Johnson Fry	383	-2			
245	154	Lon Forfaitng	240	...	8.7	4.5	17.5
87	47	Manakin	84				
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	21½	...	...	...	0.5
56	40	Newmarket	55				
365	246	Rathbone Bes	350	-1	6.5	2.3	21.8
28½	17	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	3.8	15.7
400	253	S & U	374	-1	10.2	3.4	13.9
114	46	Singer & Fried	106	-2	...	3.5	...
1162	713	Sotheby's	1133	-12	...	1.4	...
198	113	SIP Capital	179	-1	3.0	2.1	73.8
221	183	Towry Law	220	-1	...	2.6	21.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1497½	Amer Express	2131½	+56½	...	...	...
1208	935	Henderson Ad	1143	-17	...	4.6	26.3
251½	92	Invesco	251	-1	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	290½	-9½	...	2.7	12.1
322	154	MAI	295	-2	...	2.9	18.7
770	389	MAM	774	-19	16.0	2.8	17.6
1243	633	M & G	1155	-33	...	2.6	24.8
446	109	Smith New Ct	460	-16½	...	1.9	4.6
51	45	Trio Hldgs	62	-1	2.5	5.0	...

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	459	AB Food	555	-2	...	3.4	11.5
77½	46	ASDA Group	57	-1½	1.6	3.6	...
366	170	Acatos & Hutch	366	...	...	2.8	13.3
63	35	Albert Fisher	67	...	...	7.0	14.9
407	246	Argyll	261	+4	...	5.3	9.4
270	160	Banks (S C)	263	-2	9.0	4.3	10.0
402	305	Barr (AG)	349	...	6.5	2.3	...
65	56	Bensons Crisp	65	+1	...	5.5	14.6
481	357	Booker	450	...	...	6.0	39.0
52	35	Borthwick	49	...	...	3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	488	...	6.3	1.6	20.3
52	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
541	407	Cadbury-Schw	516	+7	...	3.5	19.2
223	178	Carrs Milling	194	+2	...	2.9	13.4
165	133	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	13.7
22	9½	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.6	47.4
144	119	Dalepak	130	-½	...	5.2	35.0
545	424	Dalgety	469	-1	...	5.6	13.5
57	37	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	232	...	...	2.4	26.8
134	94	Everest	94	-3	...	4.9	17.1
391	259	Farepak	384	...	5.0	1.9	23.6
10	3	Farringford	7½				
94	64	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.7	25.9
135	78	Fyffes	100	-2	...	4.8	12.5
482	286	Geest	295	+4	9.1	3.4	13.3
20½	7	Global	19	-1	0.5	3.5	28.0
68	43	Grand Central	58	...	0.4	1.7	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	159	+1	...	5.1	9.0
199½	131	Hillsdown	172	-1	5.8	6.4	13.5
250	146	Iceland Group	166	+4	...	2.6	10.5
131	92	JLI Group	108	+1	...	5.4	12.0
852	542	Kwik Save	573	-6	...	4.0	10.3
252	144	Low (Wm)	172	...	...	6.1	6.0
96	41	Matthews (B)	95	...	2.3	3.1	62.2
19½	11	Merchant Retail	17	...	0.9	7.0	34.8
174	54	Morrison (W)	106	-1	...	1.0	13.8
240	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	239	+2	...	4.5	11.5
29½	8	Nthmbrn Fne	13				
229	172	Nurdin Peack	215	...	...	3.6	11.9
310	205	Park Foods	305	-1	...	2.7	23.5
115	58	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	9.8
134	47	PizzaExpress	126	...	...	0.5	26.6
4	1½	Regina Hlth	4				
584	348	Sainsbury J	369	-8	...	3.5	12.9
56	33	Senior Farms	81	...	1.5	2.2	14.5
225	90	Sims Food	121	...	...	6.7	21.3
467½	252½	Tate & Lyle	441	-4	...	3.7	11.9
275	176	Tesco	226	+1	...	4.0	10.3
211	123	Thorntons	196	+1	...	2.3	...
229	101	Treats	209	-1	...	2.4	16.8
434½	300	Unigate	397	-3	...	5.3	12.7
437	326	Utd Biscuits	345	-4	...	5.5	21.3
24½	18½	Usborne	19½	...	...	3.4	14.4
401	249	Watson & Phil	401	+2	...	4.5	16.8
59	30½	West Trust	45	...	...	7.5	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abtrin Stk Ha	26				
94	77	City Centre Rest	90	+2	1.5	2.2	21.7
255	170	Forte	257	...	...	3.6	20.2
215	144	Friendly Hotels	203	...	...	3.5	39.5
11½	5	Harmony Props	10½	-½			
165	117	Jury Hotel	150	...	...	4.0	12.8
225½	142	Ladbroke	205	...	11.1	6.8	17.5
109½	59	Mandarin Orntl	104½	...	...	3.2	25.9
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.6
31	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	23	-½	...	4.3	...
1090	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	...	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34	Stakis	89½	...	1.0	1.4	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	44	...	...	25.0	2.7
616	435	AAH	514	-4	...	4.3	17.1
187	125	AIM	180	+5	...	5.2	22.0
136	56	APV	130	-½	...	5.2	...
238	91	ASW	192	+1	...	3.9	...
222	119	Adwest	200	...	...	4.5	19.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	30	...	...	4.7	...
310	249	Airsprung	310	+2	...	1.9	19.8
211	113	Alexdra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
17½	6½	Allied Radio	10½				
316	207½	Alumasc	316	...	...	2.3	18.7
58	17	Alvis	55	...	...	2.3	9.9
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
64	45	Amberley Gp	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
107	75	Anagen	78				
145	65	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1450	-100	...	1.4	26.8
62	37	Armour	58½	+½	...	3.6	13.5
175	145	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.4	58.8
597	434	Avon Rubber	567	+7	...	3.5	20.7
300	166	Assoc Nursg	300	...	...	0.4	18.4
687½	486	Atlas Equip	509	...	...	5.4	12.6
91	75	Ayrshire Metal	78				
224	147	BBA	215	+1	...	4.4	18.3
122	76	BLP Group	132				
71	13	BM Gp	42	...	...	1.9	...
770	590	BOC	674	+2	...	4.3	26.5
89½	50	BSG	87½	...	...	4.8	29.1
578	353	BSS Group	550	...	...	3.0	30.7
409½	318	BTR	374	-4	...	3.7	30.9
221	147	BWI	175	+3	...	4.8	16.2
50	25½	Babcock	36	...	...	3.8	21.5
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½				
290	228	Baird (Wm)	265	+3	6.9	4.2	18.4
551½	400	Barlow	412½	-25	...	7.9	7.5
81	48	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.3	32.3
28½	14	Bearing Power	21½	...	...	4.4	13.6
15	2½	Beaufort	3½				
34	15	Bedford (W)	34				
27½	15	Benson Group	17½	-½	...	2.1	13.3
397	255	Bespak	385	...	10.2	3.3	12.0
133	55	Bibby (J)	79	-1	...	3.2	...
312	219½	Billam (J)	213	+2	5.3	3.1	10.7
41	21½	Bilston Batsea	29				
11½	2	Bimec Ind	9½				
268	116½	Birkby	265	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
45	29	Black Arrow	36	...	3.1	7.3	11.3
15	0½	Black & Edgtn	1½				
283	136	Black (Peter)	281	...	3.8	1.7	21.9
361	129	Bluebird Toys	345	...	4.5	0.8	22.x
329	251	Bodycote	318	...	...	2.0	20.3
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.3	14.2
609	416	Boots	542	...	...	3.2	21.4
61	34	Booth Inds	46	-5			
534	402	Bowater	474	-6	...	3.2	19.9
1681½	1197½	Bowater Inc	1612½	-6½			
297	190	Boxmore Intl	291	-½	4.0	1.7	...
30	12½	Brasway	17½	...	...	3.6	...
331	204	Brammer	330	...	13.0	4.9	24.6
31	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
103	64	Bridon	157	...	...	3.2	...
88	51	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	...	3.9	...
57½	31	Brierley Inv	56½	-½	...	6.0	14.0
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
124	42	Br Bloodstock	107				
528	415	Br Polythene	513	+3	...	2.5	15.4
147½	54	Br Steel	147½	+5	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	164	+1	...	3.8	17.0
246	215	Br Vita	280	-1	7.3	3.3	17.2
17½	5½	Britton Grp	17½	+½	...	1.3	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	901	-7½	...	2.0	40.8
125	76	Bromsgrve Ind	117	-2	...	4.7	15.2
15	6½	Brooke Tool	14½				
73	26	Brown & Tawse	55	+2			
146	91	Bullough	170	-½	6.0	4.4	...
24	11½	Business Tech	15½				
28	12	CI Group	22	...	0.5	3.3	21.1
49	11	Campbll & Arm	34				
30	6½	Cannon St	32½				
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.9	19.5
455	254	Caradon	414	-1	...	2.6	35.5
215½	128	-do- pf	199½	-½	7.2	4.5	...
293	179	Cardo Eng	279	-1	...	3.9	20.7
2887½	2025	Carnaud Md	2240½	-50	...	2.7	...
104	68	Cassidy Bros	92	...	...	3.3	22.3
251	136	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
71	53	Cathay Intl	58	-1			
250	213	Celtech	226				
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
812	605	Charter	772	-5	...	3.6	11.9
360	220	Chemring	350	...	...	3.2	18.1
92	45	Chieftain Gp	50	...	4.5	11.2	10.7
45½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
246	144	Christies Int	240	-1	...	0.8	99.6
80	34	Clayhithe	67	...	...	4.7	...
150	55	Clayton Son	105				
455	295	Cohen (A)	455	...	3.4	0.9	...
293	179	Community H	282	...	...	3.1	19.2
263	156½	Concentric	260	-1	...	2.3	21.6
308	120	Cook (Wm)	304	...	6.0	2.5	18.4
277	182	Cookson	257	...	...	2.9	34.0
95	38	Copymore	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
238	130	Crest Pkr 'A'	165	...	...	4.3	22.3
178	92	Cosalt	143	-3	...	4.7	...
275	150	Creighton Nt	275	+2	7.4	3.4	19.7
48	27	CrestaCare	38	...	0.6	2.1	32.9
4075	2905½	Dana	3987½	-50			
389	79½	Danka Bs Sys	385	+1	...	0.5	36.0
296	193	David Brown	295	+3	...	2.5	20.9
969	632	De La Rue	952	+2	...	2.5	22.9
40	16	Dinkie Heel	40	...	1.1	3.4	31.8
628	391	Diploma	624	...	...	2.6	25.0
97	50	Dobson Park	95	...	...	4.9	21.6
134	92	Dyson (JJ)	132	-½	5.0	4.7	24.3
97	57	-do- 'A'	95	-1	5.0	6.6	17.5
16½	8	EFG	16				
440	358	EIS	434	...	...	3.5	17.2
26	19	Elbief	22				
53	19	Elco	50				
3496½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3396½	+6½	...	1.6	...
90	43	Ellion (B)	88				
548	394	Eng China Cl	509	-4	...	4.9	29.6
146	111	Environmed	138				
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2868½	+19½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	77	...	...	2.8	22.7
87	47	Expamet	70	...	...	4.3	1.7
778	499	Fairey Group	769	-1	10.7	1.7	23.7
141	47	Fenner	141				
91	32	Ferraris Group	89	+1	...	2.8	13.2
29	10	Ferrum	10	...	1.4	17.5	7.0
66	28	Fife Indmar	65	...	...	5.3	...
251	102	Fisons	129	+2	...	8.4	12.0
60	20	Flexifirm	55	...	...	8.0	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.4	13.1
51	33	Folkes Group nv	46	...	1.5	4.1	26.1
12½	5½	French (Thomas)	12½	...	3.6	3.0	...
264	162	Frost Group	259	-1	...	2.2	33.0
88	70	GEI Intl	81	...	...	3.9	...
615	434	GKN	558	+1	...	4.6	37.2
69	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Garton Eng	123	...	4.1	4.2	...
198	103	Gestetner	186	-2	3.0	2.0	...
68	23	Gleves	62	...	...	4.1	11.9
801	509	Glaxo	651	-12	...	4.2	17.0
44½	16	Glenchewton	41				
304½	245	Glynwed	316	...	11.6	3.9	35.4
181	66	Goode Durrant	181	+1	...	3.8	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	178	...	5.5	3.9	30.9
594	341	Granada	585	-1	...	1.9	23.1
484	301	Great Shrms	443	...	11.4	3.0	19.9
117	73	Green (Ernest)	81	-1	...	10.8	12.3
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.8	13.4
17	5	Guardian Grp	6				
88	30½	Haden MacLn	79½	...	...	3.1	28.7
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
320	115	Hall Eng	319	...	6.6	3.4	26.6
256	161	Halma	245	+2½	...	1.1	30.7
71	30	Hampson Ind	67	...	1.7	3.2	22.1
302	222	Hanson	283½	-6	...	5.0	21.0
221	146	Hards (Philip)	154	...	...	5.6	9.3
220	147	Harrison Crsfld	202	-2	9.0	5.6	29.2
171	38	Havelock Euro	152	-2			
51	20	Hay (Norman)	47				
50	17	Headway	44	-4	...	2.0	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	489	...	14.8	3.8	21.1
228	154	Hewitt (J)	195	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
70	15	High-Point	70	+15	0.5	0.9	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	184	+2	6.2	4.2	...
29	6½	Hobson	27				
191	87	Holders Tech	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
63	30	Hopkinsons	56	...	0.9	2.0	42.4
216	130	Hornby	215	...	9.0	5.2	20.3
103	54½	Howden	99½	...	...	2.9	15.7
265	173	Hunting	256	-2	...	4.9	21.6
513	269½	Hunsigh Tech	490	...	...	1.0	32.7
379	247	IMI	350	-1	...	3.6	31.0
135	91	ISA Intl	132	...	1.5	1.5	20.5
205	131	Intercare Gp	146	...	...	3.0	14.0
300	235	Isoton	300	...	4.3	1.8	17.4
710	360	Jardine Math	649½	-21½	...	1.9	23.4
610	425	Johnson Matth	586	-1	...	2.2	22.9
64	35½	Johnson & FB	47	...	...	3.6	44.7
177	104	Johnston	163	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30				
36	16	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
187½	73	Kalon	184½	-2½	...	2.4	25.6
297	195	Kelsey Ind	255	...	9.0	3.9	...
805	465	Kershaw (A)	790	...	...	4.4	39.7
276	75	Keenese	257	-3	...	0.5	...
422	266	Laird	421	...	...	3.1	20.7
170	103	Lilleshall	170	...	...	3.2	22.4
225	97	Lincat	225	-12	...	3.3	15.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse	44	+1½	...	...	36.2
131	76	Linread	123	-3	3.8	3.9	19.0
355	170	Linton Park	350	...	...	5.0	12.6
15½	9½	Lloyd Bearh	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	19	...	0.8	5.6	27.6
274	97	Lon Ind	151	-1	6.2	5.2	...
179½	70	Lonrho	160½	+2½	...	3.1	44.1
410	269	Low & Bonar	400	...	...	2.9	56.0
49	14½	ML Hdgs	45				
67	22	MS Intl	62	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	64	...	...	2.4	16.9
271	168	Macfarlane	256	...	...	1.6	29.0
530	379	McKechnie	537½	-2½	...	3.5	25.6
127	85	McLeod Russel	119	...	...	6.4	17.6
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
147	71	Mang Bronze	146	...	...	2.1	24.2
26½	19½	Marling	24½	...	...	4.3	...
231	124	Mayborn	221	...	5.2	2.9	17.0
64	29	Mayflower	61	-1	...	0.9	50.9
236	85	Medeva	163	-½	...	1.8	13.2
120	86	Meggitt	118	...	...	4.1	20.1
128	98	Metalrax	128	+1	...	3.6	20.9
154	112	Metrotect	128	...	...	3.2	17.8
115	70	Metsco	115				
124	29	Midstates	115	-2	...	0.8	16.0
575	368	Molins	553	...	...	3.3	13.5
408	262	Morgan Crcble	395	...	...	4.0	30.7
205	134	Morris Ashby	202	...	5.7	3.5	15.3
51	18	Neepsend	48	...	1.0	2.6	64.4
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
249	122	Nobo Gp	244	...	5.3	2.7	24.1
212½	122	Norcros	194	-1	...	4.5	28.3
51	32	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	...
81	36	Office Elec Mac	46				
64	21	OMI Intl	59	...	...	3.7	...
170	123	PCT	168	...	7.2	5.4	19.1
91	36	Pacer Systems	80	...	...	5.4	...
43	31	Pascoe's	36				
139	87½	Pentland	112	+1	...	2.9	15.2
395	280	Photo-Me	294	+1	4.7	2.0	17.7
204	97½	Pilkington	195	...	...	1.6	...
108	68	Plantsbrook	108	+2	5.1	3.6	17.0
185	125	Polypipe	177	-1	2.1	1.5	23.9
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	22	...	...	3.3	10.1
305	272	Powerscreen	318	-2	...	2.7	16.5
22½	16½	Prospect Inds	22½	...	...	4.6	12.6
76	33½	RPS Group	76	+6	2.3	3.8	16.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	90				
186	77	Ramco Oil	173	+26½	1.0	0.7	57.9
1101	636	Rank Org	1057	+10	...	3.7	21.0
33	13	Ransomes	23				
725	532	Reckitt Colm	676	...	...	3.1	15.6
85	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.8
7½	2½	Reece	4½				
284	131	Relyon	284	...	5.0	2.2	34.1
308	208	Renishaw	306	...	...	2.7	36.4
138	55	Renold	137	...	...	1.6	...
2060	1240	Reuters	2008	-24	...	1.6	27.7
87	24½	Rexmore	84	-1	2.0	3.1	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	189	...	...	3.8	26.8
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
106	63	Richardson West	106	...	3.0	3.6	22.2
146	109	Ropner	146	...	8.2	7.1	20.7
142	97	-do- 'A'	142	...	8.2	7.3	20.1
38	14	Ross Gp	19½	-1	0.6	4.2	8.0
195	131½	Rotork	187	...	...	2.5	21.9
190	99	Rubicon	163	-½	...	3.3	20.6
75	43	Russell (A)	72	...	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	37	...	0.8	2.7	...
1312½	825	SKF 'B'	1216½	+43½			
272	205	Scapa	261	...	...	2.7	19.5
238	179	Scholl	206	-1	...	3.8	15.0
323	255	Scotia	255	-8			
1291	417	Securicor	1273	+½	...	0.3	36.1
1036	562	-do- 'A'	1015	-2½	...	0.4	28.8
892	465	Security Serv	863	-2½	5.6	0.9	...
154½	77	Senior Eng	148½	...	...	2.7	24.8
361	279	Seton Healthc	329	-2	...	2.3	19.4
166	88	Shiloh	149	+1	3.0	2.5	16.1
344	221	Sidlaw	331	...	...	4.0	16.4
608	427	Siebe	570	-2	...	2.3	20.1
383	220	Silentnight	378	...	...	2.6	20.5
181	102	Sime Darby	155	-6	...	3.2	16.7
142	32	Simon Eng	130	-2			
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	235	...	...	3.7	13.3
47	35	Six Hundred	44	...	...	4.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	148½	...	...	4.0	16.5
513	373	SmithKline	415	+6	9.6	2.9	15.0
457	321	Smithkline Uts	395	+5	...	3.1	13.0
527½	320	Smiths Ind	479	-2	...	3.1	19.2
140	58	Spin Bus	97	+1	...	4.8	5.0
585	206	Spandex	583	+5	...	1.4	25.9
660	300	Spear (JW)	600	...	4.5	0.9	11.2
407	314	Spirax-Sarco	399	...	...	2.9	25.0
137½	41½	Spring Ram	75	+2	...	0.8	...
270	201	Staveley	251	-1	...	4.2	14.2
242	126	Sterling Ind	242	...	...	3.0	37.1
320	97	Suter	217	...	9.0	5.2	22.7
611	244	Swire Pack 'A'	521½	-23	...	1.7	...
7	1	Sycamore	4				
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	3.0	7.3	10.1
178	120	Symonds	178	...	...	3.4	25.7
455	279	TI	407	...	...	3.3	27.8
44	12	TLS Range	36	...	0.2	0.8	...
375	211	TT Group	365	...	...	2.3	22.5
292	201	Takare	272½	+½	...	0.8	23.7
868	618	Takeda Chem	805½	-4½	...	0.8	15.3
68	24	Tex Hldgs	46				
109	70	Tinsley (E)	97	-2	...	7.2	16.7
240	150	Titon	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	264	+1	...	3.1	19.5
124	59	Trafalgar H	115½	-½	...	3.5	...
154½	127½	Do 6pc Cv Pf	147	-2½	6.0	5.1	...
116	61	TransferTech	101	-3	3.2	4.0	12.7
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	155	...	...	5.6	18.6
318	214	UniChem	305	...	6.4	2.6	20.0
435	275½	Unidare	435	...	...	2.9	...
7½	1½	Unigroup	3½	-1			
1249	938	Unilever	1214	-3	22.2	2.3	16.5
8118½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7953½	-59½	...	2.6	13.2
24½	9	Utd Inds	15½				
1073	513	VSEL	1073	+8	...	3.6	11.6
31½	6½	Verson	26½				
194	95½	Vickers	181	+1	...	1.6	...
367	243	Victaulic	318	...	...	3.1	15.7
522	283	Vinten	513	...	...	1.8	23.9
747	427	Vosper Thorny	744	+1	...	2.8	17.2
48	33	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	7.5	11.7
510	368	Wagon Ind	509	+1	...	4.3	22.4
8½	1½	Wakebourne	4½	...	...	...	24.6
114	71	Walker Greenbk	113	...	3.1	3.4	28.8
304	201	Wassall	279	-1	2.7	1.2	28.1
51	22	Watford Wdgwd	47				
384	252	Weir	348	-3	...	2.2	19.6
993	604	Wellcome	950	+6	...	3.1	13.8
30	16	Wellman	26½	...	0.9	4.2	43.5
400	260	West Hlthcare	391	+1	...	1.2	25.0
548	455	Whatman	547	...	9.7	2.2	18.5
383	311	Whessoe	364	+2	...	3.9	12.5
111	27	Whitecroft	109				
13½	4½	Widney	12½				
168	44	Wilkes (James)	165	...	3.5	...	48.5
421	295½	Williams Hldg	392	-1	12.5	4.0	20.5
48½	17	Wilshaw	43	...	...	1.8	27.1
920	533	Wolseley	877	-6	...	1.9	26.2
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	44	...	...	1.4	...
96	38	Young (H)	87	...	...	4.7	...



INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1997½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1412½	-12½	...	4.7	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1812½	+18½	...	4.3	...
86	30	Archer	68	...	...	1.8	...
165	118	Bradstock	153	...	...	4.6	16.8
550	359½	Britannic	500	+5	...	2.9	...
711	556	Com Union	640	-6	...	4.7	...
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1770	...	...	1.6	23.4
64	18	PA	52	-2	...	0.8	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	192	-1	...	4.7	17.1
757	546	Gen Accident	660	-1	26.5	5.1	...
247	160	GRE	234	+7	7.1	3.8	19.4
457	293	Heath C E	433	-5	...	4.6	...
228	122	Hogg Gp	135	...	8.1	7.5	12.2
325	255	Independent Ins	297	-2	...	3.5	27.3
215	162	JIB Group	185	-2	...	5.1	19.0
547	408½	Legal & Gen	499	...	...	4.9	30.3
1281½	768½	Liberty Life	1194½	-15½	...	2.7	18.8
121	99	LIMIT	109½	-1½			
471	403	Lloyds Abbey	412	-19½	...	5.5	13.2
339	253	Lloyd Thomp	292	-3	6.7	2.9	18.1
443	254	Londn & Man	409	+3	14.7	4.5	30.1
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	462	...	14.0	3.8	16.6
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5900	-8½	...	3.3	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	179	...	...	3.9	17.9
130	76	Oriel	115	...	...	5.4	...
85	59½	PWS	77	...	...	6.5	14.3
385	282½	Prudential	339	+2	...	4.5	22.5
404	266½	Refuge	384	+1	...	3.5	42.8
350	248	Royal	314	-1	...	4.5	...
304	150	Sedgwick	185	-2	...	4.1	22.8
261	100	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	12.9	6.9
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	85	...	...	4.4	72.2
418	307	Sun Alliance	385	+2	14.2	4.6	...
91	50	Trade Indemnity	91				
464	239	Transatlantic	462	-1	12.0	3.2	42.9
777	499	Utd Friendly	662	+2	15.1	2.9	28.9
245	171	Willis Corroon	219	-5	...	3.8	31.4
25	13½	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1964	-14	45.5	2.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	152½	+½	7.8	6.4	...
219	170½	Bankers	201	-1	...	2.3	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	372	-1	6.4	2.2	...
241	151	Berry Starq	340	...	2.2	1.1	...
120½	96½	Br Assets	110½	...	...	4.8	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	93	...	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	37				
234	156	Br Inv	227	-2	4.6	2.5	...
372	174	Brunner	366	-½	5.2	2.5	...
221	130	Contl Asset	207	...	3.0	1.8	...
195	143	Derby Inc	150	...	...	13.1	...
325	195	-do- Cap	290	-3			
100	62	Drayton Blue	96	-1	8.4	10.9	...
111	35	-do- Eng Ind	108	...	1.0	1.2	...
156	84	-do- Far East	143	-2½	0.6	0.6	...
171	95	-do- Korea	167	+1½	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	763	-2	...	4.2	...
106	76	-do- Japan	95	-3			
80	34	-do- Warrants	62	-6			
827	513	-do- Wwde	792	-6	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	326	-1	...	3.4	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	332	-1	8.5	3.2	...
354	185	Electra Inv	329	-1	...	2.7	...
230	141	Electric Gen	207	-1	3.1	1.9	...
127	85	English Scot	121	-3			
345	206	European Asset	336	...	...	1.6	...
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	166	-3	3.0	2.3	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	323	-1½	1.5	0.6	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	105	-4			
92	52	-do- Warrants	99	-6			
267	190½	-do- Claver	246	-1½	5.5	2.8	...
385	213	Do Contl	377	...	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Emp	254	-½	...	2.4	...
459	213	-do- F East	381	-8	1.1	0.4	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	400	...	3.0	0.9	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	106	...	...	5.2	...
273	136	-do- Japan	254	-9	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	337	-2	6.7	2.6	...
347½	212	-do- Overs	331	-3½	4.2	1.6	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	287½	-2½	...	1.5	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	124½	-9½	0.2	0.3	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	73½	...	0.4	0.7	...
259	164	-do- Eurotst	255	-1	...	0.6	...
145	97	-do- German	122	-1	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	338½	-12½	...	0.4	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	186½	...	1.8	1.2	...
303	145	GT Japan	220	-4	...	0.6	...
195	65	Genl Cons Cap	180	-1			
129½	96½	-do- Inc	107	-1½	8.7	10.2	...
197	115	Govett Am Smlr	172				
151	94	-do- Emg Mkts	135	-7			
110	96	Govett High Inc	99				
429	184	-do- Oriental	380	-10	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	326	-3	...	2.6	...
475	340	Greenfriar	470	-½	6.6	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19				
158	124	Inv Cap	151	+2	...	4.2	...
119	77	I&S UK Smllr	110	-1	2.8	3.2	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	228	-2½	5.1	2.9	...
272½	176	-do- Overs	253	-2	3.4	1.7	...
165	108	-do- Smlr	165	...	...	2.7	...
826	540	Law Debenture	773	-7	18.5	3.0	...
222	161	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	301	-3	...	4.6	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2800	+12½			
596	383	Monks Inv Tst	554	-2	...	1.5	...
158	105	Morg Grenf Inc	143	+1	...	3.9	...
64	23	Do Warrants	53	-3			
148	58	Murray Ent	136	-2	...	1.6	...
£1290	£1117½	-do- Pf 1994	£1275	-500			
58	48	-do- Warrants	48	-1			
67	39	Murray Euro	63½	-½	0.1	0.3	...
25½	4½	Do Wts	20½	-1			
391	282	Murray Income	346	-4	10.9	3.7	...
395	236	-do- Intl	364	-3	11.6	4.0	...
548	363	-do- Small	533	-1	...	1.0	...
103	80½	-do- S/C Inc	87	-½	...	15.2	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	151	-3			
3400	2750	-do- S/C 1%	3400	+25	...	3.9	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	158	+½			
361	230	-do- Vent	334	-4	...	4.1	...
95	68	Nthrop Inc	92	...	6.7	9.2	...
406	249	O'Seas Inv Tst	372	-6	...	1.1	...
847	285	Pacific Assets	493	-25	1.1	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	393	-32			
9050	7690	Personal Assets	9300	...	19.0	2.6	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	190	-1	1.1	0.8	...
127	105	River & Merc	120	...	9.2	9.6	...
465	350	Robeco	448	...	...	2.8	...
463	346	Rolinco	463	...	...	1.7	...
341	214	St Andrew Inv	339	-2	7.8	2.9	...
183	131	Scot American	171	-1½	4.6	3.4	...
371	136	Scot Asian	302	-10			
1090	225	do Warrants	910	-33			
97½	67½	-do- Eastern	89½	-½	1.5	2.2	...
262½	183	Scottish	241	-1	4.9	2.5	...
264½	178	-do- Mtge	241	-1	4.0	2.1	...
139½	71	-do- Value	128½	-½	...	1.8	...
1795	1340	Second Alliance	1705	-7	...	2.9	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	97½	-½	3.2	4.2	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	172	-½	1.4	1.1	...
51½	14	Sphere Inv	46½	-½	3.4	9.1	...
205	112	TR Far East	169	-9½	...	3.7	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	160	-1½	...	3.8	...
249	110	TR Pacific	198	-8	0.3	0.3	...
47½	17	TR Property	39½	...	0.9	2.9	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	148	+1	1.7	1.5	...
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	220	-1	...	2.2	...
412	283	Temple Bar	376	-4	13.2	4.4	...
135	69	Thrmgn Asian E	117	-5	0.5	0.5	...
101	54	Throgmorton	98	-1	2.3	3.0	...
553	363	Throg Dual Cp	570	-5			
269	178	USDC Invest	256	-1½	4.5	2.2	...
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	126	-1	4.0	4.0	...
257½	181	Witan	244	-2	5.6	3.0	...

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	269	Airtours	571	-2	...	2.0	19.5
64	41	Ald Leis	46	...	...	6.2	15.0
668	494	Anglia TV	642	-1	...	1.8	29.8
131	63	Baldwin	121	-8	3.5	3.7	...
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	287	...	10.0	4.4	18.5
1400	900	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
183	40	Border TV	170	+1	3.6	2.6	13.9
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½				
150	48	Bristol Scots	135				
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½				
292	44	Campari	68	...	8.7	16.1	...
439	171	Capital Radio	414	-1	...	1.7	36.5
1047	520	Carlton Comm	977	-7	...	2.4	35.0
304	158	Castle Comm	299	...	...	3.6	19.8
3130	1615	Central TV	3035	-30	39.0	1.6	33.1
163	61	Chrysalis	163	-2	3.2	2.8	...
748	470	Compass Gp	739	+9½	...	2.2	20.6
350	175	Eurocamp	264	+½	9.7	4.6	10.9
1180	268	Euro Disney	407½	-4½	...	2.8	...
9	1½	Euro Leisure	3½				
43½	18	Ex-Lands	40	...	...	1.1	...
419	245	Falding Boats	370	+8	...	3.5	34.8
378	232	First Leisure	334	+1	6.5	2.5	...
478	403	Flextech	409	-5	0.5	0.2	...
950	298	GWR Gp	950	+10	9.0	1.2	...
275	149	Grampian	275	+1	6.5	3.0	19.0
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	20	+3			
129	19	HTV Group	123	+1	...	...	54.6
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
18½	5½	Kunick	17½	+½	...	...	16.5
752	405	LWT Hldgs	746	-1	...	0.8	34.5
615	337	Man Utd	615	...	...	4.0	24.8
48	7½	Northern	42	...	...	...	8.1
148	99	Owners Abrd	126	+3	3.5	3.5	...
89	33	The Pelican Gp	66	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
181	95	Prism Leisure	181	...	3.5	2.4	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	35				
229	152	Ramsdens (H)	218	+6½	4.5	2.6	...
588	274	Radio Clyde	580	+10	...	3.0	25.8
559	410	Scot TV	545	-4	10.3	2.4	26.2
37	13½	SelecTV	34½	+½			
114	37	Southern Radio	96	...	...	1.6	42.5
322	164	Stanley Leisure	315	...	...	2.1	25.5
145	115	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing	2				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	85	-2	...	3.9	4.2
138	44	Trans World	132	...	0.8	0.8	48.1
707	224	Ulster TV	707	+4	12.0	2.1	21.7
138	62	Vardon	136	+2	0.8	0.7	32.1
375	110	Yorkshire TV	362	+10	3.3	1.1	...
120	83	Zetters Gp	120	+10	8.0	8.3	13.6

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	1125	Ang Am	2706½	-90½	...	2.6	22.9
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1812½	...	...	5.1	9.4
6518½	1800	Ang Am Gold	5131½	-256½	...	4.4	23.0
37½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	29				
405	115	Bakyrchik	329	-12			
197	33	Blyvoors	108	-5½			
46	18	Bracken	30½	...	...	26.9	5.4
896	273	Buffels	699	-10½	...	9.3	6.2
6	1	Bute	3½				
930½	546	CRA	908	-19	...	2.3	28.8
51	11	Cluff Res	50	+2			
1750	762½	De Beers	1600	-6½	...	3.1	21.7
165	37½	Deelkraal	106	-7½	...	1.9	7.7
96	7	Doornfontein	37½	-3½			
914	388	Driefontein	711½	-15½	...	4.7	11.7
788	120	Durban	596½				
201	47	E Rand Gold	118½	-½	...	9.3	3.5
175	35	E Rand Prop	89½	-8½			
604	117	Elandsrand	398	+6½	...	5.5	...
1239	292	FS Cons	869½	-41½	...	7.4	11.2
80	8	FS Dev	41				
1800	725	GFSA	1250	-50	...	3.2	21.0
150	62½	Gencor	119	-2½	...	7.5	13.3
80½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	75½	+½	...	1.8	30.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18				
202	49	Grootvlei	106	-10½	...	9.4	6.7
416	78	Harmony	376	-7½			
430	87	Hartebst	349½	-14½	...	8.1	8.7
20½	8½	Inoco	20½	+1			
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	834½	-19½	...	3.4	26.9
16½	6	Kenmare Res	13½	-½			
1315½	331½	Kinross	986½	-46½	...	6.5	10.6
913	319	Kloof	618	-14½	...	4.0	7.3
137	25	Leslie	91	-½	...	12.4	4.9
259	13	Loraine	215½	-4			
950	620	Lydenburg	925	...	...	2.3	...
149	80	MTM	142½	-1½	...	1.6	62.0
1512	820	Minorco	1260	-11	...	3.1	14.9
201½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	177½	-1½	...	2.8	22.3
4582½	612½	Orange Free	2215½	-125½	...	5.2	13.1
899	607	RTZ	840	-12	...	2.9	21.7
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
901½	150	Randfontein	554	-31½	...	7.4	5.5
295	115	Renison	258	...	...	1.6	26.7
1346½	830	Rustnbrg	1109½	-31½	...	2.9	25.3
756	191	St Helena	571½	-17	...	7.4	12.0
2887½	475	Southvaal	1484½	-228½	...	6.3	...
119	18	Stilfontein	80½	-½	...	25.6	15.1
201	58	Unisel	131½	-½	...	3.6	11.6
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	5371½	-162½	...	5.0	...
813	154	Welkom	562½	-40½	...	6.0	12.5
640	36	Western Areas	516	-18½	...	5.1	3.6
3562½	587½	Western Deep	2374½	-34½	...	4.2	...
398	176	Wstrn Mining	366½	-8	...	1.4	...
1225	321½	Winkels	759½	-43½	...	6.1	7.3
64	49	Zambia Copper	64	-1			
68	18	Zandpan	51	-2	...	4.1	16.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	223	Abbey Panels	243				
136	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	78	Appleyard	166	...	...	3.9	...
380	303	Blenchley Mtr	373	-5	...	3.1	19.0
231	120	Bostrom	230	...	...	3.3	40.7
594	165	Br Aerospace	539	-4	7.3	1.7	...
58	19½	Burndene	52	-1	...	4.2	14.0
465	301	Caffyns	450	...	11.5	3.2	23.8
22	4½	Caverdale	20½				
143	98	Central Mtrs	130	...	4.0	3.9	...
43	18	Cook (DC)	40	...	0.9	2.8	22.7
348	156	Cowie (T)	328	-3	6.6	2.5	25.0
193	86	Dag Motors	189	...	5.7	3.8	34.2
157	102½	Davnpn Vern	155	...	4.2	3.4	...
330	155	ERF	326	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	170	...	...	2.7	23.9
503	208	Evans Halshaw	503	+5	11.4	2.8	77.5
293	211	FR Group	291	+4	...	3.1	13.6
4718½	2943½	Ford Motor	4462½	-50			
4387½	2143½	General Mtr	4166½	-118½	...	1.3	...
90	38	Gowrings	88	...	3.0	2.8	...
343	85	Henlys	340	...	3.5	1.3	...
1083½	769	Honda Motor	1017½	-23½	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43				
116	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	174	-1	...	2.5	24.6
573	281	Lex Service	540	+1	...	2.6	28.5
272	85	Lookers	271	+2	6.5	3.0	...
239	126	Lucas	220	-½	...	4.0	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	28½				
305	224½	Pendragon	303	...	...	2.6	24.9
238	101½	Perry Gp	234	...	...	3.8	...
216	108	Quicks Group	216	+3	...	2.7	27.6
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	179½	...	...	3.5	...
249	164	T & N	241	...	...	5.6	34.3
299	163	Trinity Hldgs	289	+1	...	2.3	38.0
221	125	Vardy (Reg)	221	+1	...	2.4	25.8
338	121	Westland	333	...	...	1.7	33.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
325	103	Adscene	325	+5	5.7	2.2	33.0
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	280	Blenheim Gp	359	...	...	3.3	13.4
402	275	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	36.3
£134½	7775	Daily Mail	£134½	...	...	1.4	31.5
£134½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£134½	...	...	1.4	31.4
355	210	Dorling Kind	363	-2	...	1.6	23.8
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6409½	-90½	...	1.5	22.0
476	322	EMAP	460	-2	...	2.2	28.4
1550	873	Euromoney Pb	1550	...	...	3.1	27.3
264	154	Harrington K	198	-1	4.7	3.2	15.4
515	159½	Haynes Pub	478	...	...	1.9	26.7
385	334	Hodder H'line	384	-1	5.1	1.7	32.7
180	99	Home Couns	169	...	5.2	3.9	...
188	30	Intl Bus Comms	188	...	...	...	27.2
15	6½	Ins Cm & Data	10½				
510	240	Independent	483	-2	...	2.6	26.1
645	395	Johnstone Press	645	...	6.5	1.3	27.9
356	243	Metal Bulletin	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
203	88	Mirror Gp	184	-1			
515	297	News Corp	495	-1	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	296	...	...	0.6	16.2
735	342	Pearson	682	-12	...	2.2	37.1
760	510	Portsmth Sund	758	...	...	1.6	20.9
964	618	Reed Intl	918	-6	...	2.4	40.0
249	98	Southnews	249	...	2.1	1.2	46.0
196	40	Sterling Pubs	196	...	...	2.0	23.8
568	328	Telegraph	568	...	...	2.6	23.9
885	715	Thomson Corp	825	-10	30.1	4.6	40.8
471	313	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	22.6
39	21	Unit Group	30				
731	480½	Utd Newspprs	712	-6	...	3.8	19.8

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	29½	+1½	...	...	29.0
61	33	Arcon Intl	43				
73½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	73½	+2½			
93	26	Aviva Pet	58	-1			
16	3½	Beverley	6½				
233	145	Br Borneo	226	-1	7.1	3.9	6.8
361½	276	British Gas	331	-4	14.2	5.4	10.0
406½	225	Br Petroleum	370	-2	...	2.8	31.4
3½	1	Bula Resources	3½	+½			
875	675	Burmah Castrl	856	+1	...	3.7	20.0
68	32	Cairn Energy	59	...	...	...	8.4
375	221	Calor Gp	344	+2	...	4.4	18.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	43	-1			
44	26	Coplex Res	26	-½			
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	25½				
521	397	Enterprise	440	-2	...	4.5	24.2
88	26	Exp Co Louis	52	+3			
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	-½	...	4.1	9.5
10½	4	Fortune	6½				
67	45	Goal Pet	60	-1	1.4	2.9	11.5
48	18	Gt Western Res	38				
151	104½	Hardy O & G	156				
55	18½	Helt Energy	48				
195	97	LASMO	126	...	...	3.3	25.5
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res	3½	-½			
64	34	Monument	63				
9½	4	New London	6				
73	21	Nth Sea Assets					
50	27	Oil Search					
27½	11½	Petroz					
162	99	Pict Pet					
29½	13	Premier					
168	50	Presidio					
420	290	Ranger					
7700	5150	Royal Dutch Fl					
4500	3600	Schlumberger					
67	47	Seafield	55				
749	515	Shell					
203	135	Sunrise Eng Sv					
41	15	Triton Europe					
19½	6	Villiers Grp					
229½	135	Woodside					

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings					
444	249	API					
297	144	Arjo Wiggins	290	-4			
706	408	Abbott Mead	706	+6			
40	13	Aegis Gp					
212	118	Aspen Comms					
26	7	BBB Design	24				
464	223	Bemrose	464				
30½	7	Birkdale	12				
175	118	Bunzl	176				
430	257	CIA Gp					
230	93	Capital Inds	174				
93	44	City of Lon	88				
419	169	Cropper (James)	419				
108	51	Delyn Group	106				
137	44	Dolphin Pack	130				
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	96				
16½	10½	Elswick					
91	41	Fairest Group	61				
409	271	Ferguson Intl	405				
145	92	Ferry Pick	145				
227	74	Filofax	219				
30	8	Firth					
154	69	Gibbon Lyons					
298	205	Gold Greenless	251				
41	17	Goodhead	30				
88	19	Hunterprint					
185	136	Intereurope	153				
290	191	Jarvis Porter	259				
33½	15½	Lopex	30				
38½	26	MMI					
431	175	More O'Ferrall	425				
146	48	NMC Group	126				
300	66	Osborne & Little					
60	6½	Osprey Comms					
575	455	Portals					
3½	0½	Premier Hlth					
318	159	Quarto	316				
402	270	St Ives Gp	402				
186	133	Saatchi					
529½	292	Sappi					
30½	8½	Serif					
59½	14	Shandwick	54½				
517	294	Smith David	503				
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)					
119	45	Sonic	110				
246	183	Scr-Plus					
33	16½	Taylor Nelson					
141	58	VTR	140				
122	40	WPP	117				
294	62	Wace					
300	203	Waddington (J)					
479	270	Watmough	478				
7	3	Westport	4½				
44	12	Whitney Mack	36				
103	55	Wyndeham	103				

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	128	...	...	3.4	33.2
48	35	Arcadian	43				
10½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	-½			
144	52	Asda	140	...	...	1.6	
191	88	Avonside	184	...	4.1	2.6	
2637½	2062½	BCE	2381½	-12½			
765	346	Bilton	760	...	28.9		
98	17	Bourne End	45				
276	150	Bradford	273	...	5.9	2.7	
23	5	Bredero	20				
474	156½	Br Land	446	-5	...	2.0	
276	140½	Brixton	252	-5	...	4.2	30.0
126	42	Burford	119	-2	...	1.5	...
216	99	Cap & Regnl	216	...	1.5	0.8	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270	...	2.5	1.2	...
185	177	Chelsfield	180	...	...	1.7	...
665	196	Chesterfield	663	...	11.5	2.2	47.4
70	12	City Site Ests	71	+2			
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	-1			
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.9
62	34	Conrad Ritblat GS	60				
1755	818	Daejan	1750	-5	...	1.9	21.6
65	5	Dares Estates	20	-½			
155	53	Debenham Tewn	155	...	...	2.7	29.4
17	4	De Morgan	15				
199	76	Dencora	188	...	3.0	2.0	...
723	263	Derwent Hldgs	723	...	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	38½	+½			
65	24	Dwyer	63				
406	170	Estates Agency	406	...	...	2.3	49.2
47	7½	Estates Gen	41½				
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	128	+1	...	2.3	22.6
37	11	Five Oaks	36				
74	30	Fletcher King	73	...	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	270½	Frogmore	528	-1	...	2.8	35.5
321	95	Grainger	319	...	...	2.1	57.0
280	116½	Gr Portland	243	...	...	4.1	23.3
23½	3½	Greycoat	22				
269	101	HK Land	237½	-7½	...	2.7	31.3
94	35	Hambro Cntryw	83	...	0.5	0.8	...
435	233	Hammerson	434	+1	10.0	2.9	43.9
377	127	Helical Bar	375	...	...	1.6	13.5
40½	19	Hemingway	38				
132	56	Herring Baker	69	...	3.7	6.8	17.3
183	133	Jermyn	183	-45			
802	435	Land Sec	755	+2	22.1	3.8	22.5
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	119	...	4.0	4.2	16.5
32½	8½	Lon & Metro	12				
565	315½	MEPC	514	+2	...	4.9	29.6
13½	5	McInerney A	13½				
190	90	McKay Secs	185	...	3.5	2.4	25.4
8½	2½	Markheath	5				
81	12	Merivale Mre	76				
55	29	Moorfield Est	51				
1368½	775	Mountview	1275	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	113	Muckow (A&J)	195	...	...	3.9	30.4
70	30	Olives Prop	68				
10½	1½	ORB	2				
191	88	PSIT	189	-2½	4.3	2.9	37.5
399	138	Peel	392	-2	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	5½				
50	22	Property Trust	42	...	...	...	12.0
63	33	Raglan	49				
40	11	Regalian	34	-1			
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
64	16	St Modwen Prp	60	-1	0.9	1.9	45.7
78	39	Saville Grdn (J)	73	-½	...	4.6	36.4
100	39	Savills	88	...	...	2.5	34.8
112	37½	Scot Met	104	-1	...	1.8	...
135	39	Shaftesbury	133				
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
519	139½	Slough Estates	290	...	...	3.5	20.3
103	56	Southend Prop	100	...	...	7.0	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	29				
244	114	Tops Ests	244	...	2.1	1.1	...
161	79	Town Centre	160	...	...	2.7	26.x
107	43	Trafford Park	107	...	...	3.3	34.6
58	17	UK Land	40				
12	4	Union Square	9				
317	180	Warner	316	...	10.4	4.1	28.9
247	168	Warnford	247	...	7.5	3.8	17.9
8	2	Waterglade	4½				
103	34	Wates	103				
105	40	Wood John D	101	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic	34				
220	84	Headlam	220	+2	...	1.7	49.7
500	285	Lambert	400	...	13.2	4.1	9.8
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
250	89	Stylo	249	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	65	...	...	5.0	2.1

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
616	408	Allied Text	610	+3½	12.9	2.6	...
71	54	Beckman (A)	67	-1	...	6.7	14.4
41	21	Bolton Gp	26				
226	141	Br Mohair	210	...	8.5	5.1	19.7
55	15	Chartwell	53				
364	298	Claremont Gs	361	...	7.5	2.6	22.5
601	449	Courtauld Text	578	-1	13.9	3.0	15.8
53½	20	Cupid	22	+1			
268½	124	Dawson	140	-4	...	6.8	10.7
47	22	Drummond	32				
89	65	Faupel	77	...	4.9	8.0	11.9
34	15	Foster (John)	28	+1			
165	82	Gaskell	164	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pcst	235	...	...	2.2	16.7
90	45	Jerome (S)	64	...	...	0.4	...
480	249	Lamont	480	...	12.0	3.1	31.7
347½	235½	Leeds	338	+4	...	2.1	17.8
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.2	...
215	89	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
266	77½	Parkland	264	-1	...	0.8	...
112	82	Readicut	109	...	...	3.9	20.5
66	35	SEET	56				
147	72	Sirdar	141	...	...	4.7	9.7
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	43	...	...	4.2	41.8
330	250	Tomkinsons	325	...	...	4.4	27.6
59	30½	West Trust	45	...	...	7.5	...
280	126	Yorklyde	271	-1	...	2.5	17.8

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	491	-5	...	4.9	14.7
495	315½	Rothmans	452	-2	...	3.5	14.2

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
623	349	Assoc Br Ports	615	...	...	1.8	...
1083	707	BAA	1022	-16	...	2.0	25.4
128	106	Badgerline	121	...	...	4.2	1.4
496½	249	Br Airways	474	-1	...	2.9	21.2
113	56	Clarkson (H)	108	...	1.7	2.0	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	535	-23			
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
293	147	IoM Steam	290	+1	...	3.6	15.2
55	24	Jacobs (JI)	52	-1	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	108	...	...	1.2	19.8
534	264	Mersey Docks	521	-3	...	2.2	35.4
282	181	Natl Express	276	+2	...	3.2	28.5
291	218	NFC	263	...	...	3.3	20.4
348	244	Ocean Group	317	-7	...	6.7	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	84	...	4.0	6.0	15.2
728	504	P & O Dfd	702	+2	...	5.4	38.1
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	154	-1	...	4.5	...
705	468	Powell Duffryn	655	-5	...	4.3	20.8
241	117	Seacon	234	...	5.7	5.1	...
206	112	Stagecoach	202	...	...	2.4	24.6
121	31½	TNT	120½	-½			
900	634	Tibbet & Britn	900	+2	12.6	1.8	34.5
382	37	Tiphook	67	+3			
327	227	TDG	319	-1	...	3.7	18.6
128	98	Ugland	124				

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	535	...	...	5.0	10.7
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
701	547	Northumbrian	695	-10	...	4.2	8.1
611	437½	North West	546	-11	...	5.0	9.0
648	439	Severn Trent	578	-11	...	4.7	8.9
685	454	Sthrn Water	608	-13	...	4.5	9.8
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1583	...	48.5	3.8	11.3
675	465	South West	601	-13	...	5.1	9.7
611	454	Thames Water	553	-3	...	4.9	10.8
744	506	Welsh Water	671	-13	...	4.5	6.8
759½	536	Wessex Water	686	-22	...	4.0	10.9
630	473½	Yorkshire W	564	-10	...	4.8	9.4

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109½	100	Treas 14½% 1994	100	...	14.50	...
109½	101½	Exch 12½% 1994	101½	...	13.28	5.11
105½	101½	Treas 10% 1994	101½	...	9.85	5.07
110½	103½	Exch 12½% 1994	103½	...	12.05	5.02
105½	102½	Treas 9% 1994	102½	...	8.74	4.96
111½	106½	Treas 12% 1995	106½	...	11.27	4.95
93	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.70
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107½	...	9.57	5.10
116	112½	Treas 12¾% 1995	112½	...	11.33	5.20
120½	115½	Treas 14% 1996	115½	...	12.09	5.32
125½	120½	Treas 15¼% 1996	120½	...	12.65	5.42
120½	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116½	...	11.39	5.44
112½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	9.01	5.64
122½	119½	Treas 13¼% 1997	119½	...	11.05	5.78
114½	110½	Exch 10½% 1997	113	...	9.29	5.76
110½	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	109½	...	9.01	5.63
132½	127½	Exch 15% 1997	129½	...	11.58	5.97
114½	109½	Exch 9¾% 1998	113½	...	8.62	5.98
106½	99½	Treas 7¼% 1998	104½	...	6.91	5.92
106½	101½	Treas 6¾% B 1995-98	104½	...	6.92	5.93
102½	97½	Treas 6½% 1995-98	101½	...	6.64	5.93
131½	125½	Treas 14% 1998-01	129½	...	10.88	6.16
140½	133½	Treas 15½% 1998	137½	...	11.26	6.05
126½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	123½	...	9.72	6.21
116½	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	114½	...	8.32	6.13

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101½	98½	Treas 6% 1999	99½	-½	6.00	6.01
129	120½	Exch 12¼% 1999	125½	...	9.75	6.30
121½	112½	Treas 10½% 1999	118½	...	9.83	6.24
121½	112½	Conv 10¼% 1999	118½	-½	8.64	6.32
116½	106	Conv 9% 2000	113½	-½	7.94	6.29
136½	125½	Treas 13% 2000	133½	-½	9.75	6.55
106½	99½	Treas 7% 2001	103½	-½	6.76	6.45
122½	109½	Treas 10% 2001	116½	-½	8.41	6.60
127½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	119½	-½	8.16	6.71
113½	97½	Treas 8% 2003	109½	-½	7.29	6.59
127½	107½	Treas 10% 2003	122½	-½	8.15	6.73
129½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126½	-½	9.12	6.79
86½	67½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82½	-½	4.26	5.90
105½	97½	Treas 6½% 2004	101½	-½	6.66	6.56
125½	106½	Conv 9½% 2004	120½	-½	7.89	6.77
125½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	120½	...	7.96	6.79
143½	134½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	139½	-½	9.01	6.95
111½	94½	Treas 8% 2002-06	107½	-½	7.44	6.79
112½	94½	Treas 7¾% 2006	108½	-½	7.17	6.77
136½	118½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	131½	-½	8.93	6.93
119½	97½	Treas 8½% 2007	114½	-½	7.42	6.82
151½	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	146½	-½	9.19	6.95
124½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	119½	-½	7.52	6.83

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115½	92½	Treas 8% 2009	110½	-½	7.24	6.85
126½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	121½	-½	7.40	6.85
127½	100½	Treas 9% 2012	122½	...	7.36	6.84
94	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88½	+½	6.23	6.60
119½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	110	-½	7.05	6.80
117½	93½	Treas 8% 2013	112½	-½	7.12	6.83
159½	125½	Exch 12% 2013-17	152½	-½	7.85	7.01
129½	97½	Treas 8¾% 2017	122½	-½	7.14	6.80

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54½	38½	War Ln 3½%	51½	+½	6.86	...
37½	27½	Treas 2½%	35½	+½	7.12	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	137½	...	...	...
204½	194½	Treas IL 2% 1996	202½	...	1.30	2.21
113½	105½	Treas IL 4½% 1998	111½	...	1.59	2.23
176½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174½	+½	2.29	2.64
177½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171½	+½	2.51	2.80
118½	105½	Treas IL 4½% 2004	116½	+½	2.55	2.85
184½	157½	Treas IL 2% 2006	181½	+½	2.64	2.96
165½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164½	+½	2.83	3.03
175½	148½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171½	+½	2.88	3.06
146½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	142½	+½	2.92	3.08
157½	130½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	152½	+½	2.97	3.12
152½	124½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	147½	+½	3.02	3.15
129½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	124½	+½	3.01	3.12
126½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	124½	+½	3.03	3.14

Source: Finstat

• USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. † Ex rights issue. ‡ Ex all. ‡ Ex capital distribution. ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data.

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AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 259783

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Grofund Amer	172.40	181.40	-0.60	...
Grofund Equity	252.80	267.20	-0.50	1.30
Grofund Euro	205.20	216.00	+0.10	...
Grofund Expt Bal	122.60	127.10	-1.20	0.91
Grofund Gilt	81.14	83.64	+0.08	4.08
Grofund Japan	183.60	193.30	+0.90	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	548.20	583.20	+3.80	2.10
General Inc	493.80	525.40	+3.40	2.10
UK Growth Acc	371.30	395.00	+1.50	2.29
UK Growth Inc	260.00	276.60	+1.00	2.29
Higher Inc Acc	693.90	738.20	+1.30	3.22
Higher Inc Inc	415.00	441.50	+0.80	3.22
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	194.00	204.80	+0.70	5.46
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	99.19	104.70	+0.40	5.46
Nth America	263.20	280.10	-1.30	...
Far East	377.20	401.30	-5.20	...
Europe	278.80	296.60	-1.00	0.51
Brit Excell	73.54	78.24	+0.36	2.41
Brit Fndmtls Acc	104.80	111.50	+0.20	4.00
Brit Fndmtls Inc	79.49	84.57	+0.09	4.00
Global Opps	86.23	91.74	+0.43	...
Balanced Acc	56.22	59.81†	+0.08	2.18
Balanced Inc	55.72	59.28†	+0.08	2.18

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	139.80	148.20	+0.10	5.40
High Inc Equity	178.40	189.70†	-0.10	3.84
Worldwide Bond	275.20	291.70†	...	3.60
Capital Growth				
American Growth	315.20	337.10†	-2.50	.94
Asian Pacific	384.30	411.00	-15.80	...
Assets & Earnings	286.00	304.20	-0.40	1.70
Comdty & Energy	131.60	140.00	-1.80	.39
1992 Enterprise	98.41	105.30	+0.10	1.38
Euro Capital Inc	133.60	142.80	-0.10	.68
General	244.60	260.20†	+0.40	2.09
Japan	132.00	141.10	+0.20	...
Mastertrust	150.80	161.20	-0.70	.81
UK Growth Dist	151.60	161.20	-0.20	1.64
US Emerging Cos	145.80	155.10	-0.70	...
Income & Growth	413.10	439.40	+0.30	2.99
Ethical	78.63	83.64	+0.10	1.98
International	123.30	131.10	-1.00	.14
Dividend & Growth	65.84	70.04†	-0.02	3.63
Global Gwth & Sec	64.89	69.12	+0.09	2.56

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	1868.0	1963.0	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Aberdeen Portfolio	65.52	66.66†	-0.18	0.75
Amer Inc & Growth	46.71	49.26	-0.09	0.64
Cash	50.39	50.39	+0.01	4.77
European	108.80	115.70†	+0.10	...
European Income	103.70	109.90	...	1.35
Exempt	1110.7	1162.8†	-1.10	3.27
Extra Income	56.15	61.08	-0.24	4.31
Far East Emg Ecn	123.10	132.50	-1.90	0.48
Fixed Interest	27.09	28.92	-0.02	6.38
Fund Inv Tst	186.70	199.30	-1.40	0.85
Japan	205.40	218.70	+3.30	...
Latin American	87.52	93.07	-0.49	0.54
Pacific	78.60	84.19	-0.76	0.32
Property Share	80.67	86.11†	-0.15	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	73.67	78.64†	-0.11	1.59
UK Growth	47.52	51.23	+0.01	2.30
World Growth	80.89	86.34	-0.09	0.63
Ethical	69.34	74.02	-0.27	2.39
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.18	55.18	+0.13	7.42

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	98.63	104.93†	-0.05	2.78
UK Equity Growth	88.40	94.04	+0.17	2.00
European	69.01	73.42	+0.13	0.61
Nth American	69.40	73.83	-0.46	0.95
Far Eastern	77.07	81.99	+0.24	0.30
Money	65.32	65.32†	+0.01	3.78
Fixed Interest	73.87	78.58†	+0.20	6.18
Index Linked Gilt	69.29	73.71	+0.17	1.10

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
23 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	75.48	80.30	-0.13	2.12
British Income	84.12	89.49	+0.09	2.99
Select Portfolio	91.73	97.59	-0.83	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	81.41	86.38	+0.08	1.80
Income Builder Inc	72.12	76.72	+0.14	2.65

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	254.10	271.60	-1.30	2.78
Capital	449.80	480.80	-1.20	1.61
Balanced	739.40	790.40	-2.30	2.30
Accumulator	1315.0	1405.0	-8.00	2.73
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.70	54.19†	-0.06	3.28
High Income	446.40	477.20	-2.40	3.28
Equity Income	250.90	268.20†	-1.30	3.26
High Yield	275.00	293.90	-1.70	3.19
Govt Securities	35.45	37.41	-0.01	4.87
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	139.30	148.90	+0.10	0.24
European Growth	35.12	37.36	-0.16	0.43
International	170.70	182.40†	...	0.32
Japan	226.80	241.90†	+3.50	0.01
Pacific	455.00	486.30†	-6.60	0.16
Secs of America	443.30	471.60†	-2.00	0.59
Wwide Asset Val	50.32	53.77	-0.07	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	566.50	605.50	-2.40	2.07
Conv & Gilt	51.13	54.65†	-0.20	3.55
Smaller Cos	192.00	205.20†	+0.20	1.14
2nd Smaller Cos	183.70	196.30	+0.10	1.12
Recovery	156.00	166.70	...	1.67
Met Min & Cdty	162.10	173.20	-1.70	0.72
Oseas Earnings	374.40	400.20†	-2.00	1.96
Technology	164.80	176.10	+0.90	0.02
UK Special Sits	486.40	519.90	-2.90	1.85

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cntrctd Out Pens	107.80	111.90	...	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	69.29	71.98	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	75.87	80.71†	+0.26	2.52
International	65.98	70.19	...	0.48

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	309.50	334.50	-0.40	...
Bond	126.50	133.00	-0.30	5.90
Brit Smlr Cos	108.60	115.50	-0.10	0.90
Conv & Gen	68.39	72.99†	-0.16	4.77
Energy	465.50	506.40	-0.60	0.22
Europe	238.60	253.80	-0.20	0.44
Euro Smlr Cos	106.50	113.20	+0.10	0.84
Income Gwth	377.50	402.40	+0.30	3.80
Japan	341.80	363.50	+1.70	...
Pacific	122.10	129.90†	-2.80	0.62
UK Smllr Cos	54.85	58.35	-0.08	0.75
Japan Fd	789.70	812.60†	+4.10	...
Mngd Fd	183.20	194.80	...	2.50

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	308.90	325.20	...	1.12
Capital Gwth	121.00	127.40	...	2.10
Wwide Opps	206.30	217.10	...	0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	372.60	398.10	-0.90	2.21
European Bd Inc	99.28	102.80†	+0.10	7.17
Exempt	80.65	86.03	-0.17	3.60
Financial	81.84	87.53	+0.22	1.93
500	503.90	537.90	-0.50	2.00
General	290.90	311.10	-0.30	2.17
Property	247.70	264.90	...	5.53
Trustee	199.90	213.80†	-0.50	1.69
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†	...	4.34
Extra Income	127.90	136.70	-0.10	3.67
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.99	65.10	+0.04	7.65
Income	576.20	616.30†	-1.10	3.62
Income Builder	71.12	75.66	-0.12	4.24
Intl Income	72.18	76.79†	-0.65	2.65
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	122.70	130.90†	+0.10	2.15
Leisure	128.80	137.70	-0.30	1.02
Recovery	447.50	478.60	-0.30	2.09
Smllr Cos Inc	46.92	50.32	+0.02	1.74
Special Sits	306.40	327.70	-0.80	1.55
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	140.30	149.80	-0.50	0.31
Aust Acc	283.90	302.00	-3.80	1.18
Aust Inc	177.70	189.00	-2.40	1.18
Euro Gwth Inc	147.60	156.50	+0.20	0.46
Japan & Gen Inc	191.80	203.00	+0.80	...
Japan Spec Sits	83.82	88.79	+0.41	...
Univ Tech Inc	81.67	86.79	-0.46	0.39
Worldwide	188.10	199.70†	-0.80	0.35

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	104.10	110.30	-0.40	...
Amer Smllr Cos	135.40	145.30	-1.10	...
Cash Trust	50.56	50.56	+0.02	4.90
Convertibles	65.16	69.68	+0.08	5.60
Eastern	319.20	342.40	-11.90	1.70
Equity Income	96.54	102.70†	+0.30	4.90
European Growth	298.00	316.70	+1.10	1.50
Europe	217.00	231.30	+1.30	1.50
German Growth	71.99	76.63	+0.45	0.70
Global Bond	70.78	74.73†	-0.05	5.30
Global Growth	135.90	144.70	-0.90	...
Japan Growth	220.00	236.50	-1.50	...
Japan Sunrise	185.10	197.70	+0.40	...
Korea Trust	80.86	89.61	-2.96	...
Portfolio	142.10	151.80	-0.10	3.00
UK Growth	98.89	105.20	+0.30	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	103.20	110.30	...	1.80
Select Managers	79.98	85.62	-0.29	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	85.29	90.77†	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	58.82	62.57†	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	190.40	203.60	-1.40	0.46
Dividend	87.01	92.06†	-0.12	3.66
Intl Gth & Inc	231.40	247.50†	-2.50	2.44
UK & Gen	47.91	51.24	-0.26	1.46
Fund of Funds	70.92	75.85	-0.41	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6030

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	114.32	122.27	+0.53	1.27
Smaller Cos	112.64	120.47	+0.21	0.97
Higher Yield	48.45	51.81†	+0.08	2.43
American Gth Inc	76.69	82.02†	+0.52	...
European Growth	137.33	146.87	+0.64	...
Global Bond Inc	31.61	33.55	+0.05	4.44
Mngd Ptflio Inc	46.15	49.35	+0.02	1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	69.89	70.84	-0.01	5.23

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	160.90	171.20	+0.10	1.24
UK Growth	173.90	185.10†	+0.10	1.63
UK Income	144.10	153.40	-0.30	3.64

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	195.10	206.80†	+0.20	1.75
-do- Income Dist	118.80	125.90	+0.20	4.24
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.92	46.58†	+0.21	5.84

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	154.50	164.40	-1.00	...
European Inc	80.48	85.31	+0.39	0.48
Smaller Cos (4-1)	88.00	93.62	+0.28	1.34
Growth	463.90	496.20	+0.90	1.78
Income & Growth	434.60	462.40†	-1.60	3.35
Japan & Gen	76.86	81.76	+0.75	...
Master Portfolio	1121.1	1162.0†	-15.00	1.37
Special Sits	106.10	112.50†	+0.20	1.76
High Yield	1419.0	1463.0	+3.00	3.69

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	39.03	41.74	-0.27	0.88
Cash Income	50.46	50.46	+0.02	4.94
European Gwth	40.07	42.73	+0.23	0.82
Income & Gwth Inc	30.28	32.38	+0.06	3.82
Intnl Gwth	33.08	35.35	...	0.73
Japan Gwth	28.78	30.78	+0.30	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.17	54.72	-0.04	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	163.30	173.50	-7.10	0.57
Property Shares	49.65	53.10	-0.05	1.53
Smaller Cos	34.99	37.42	-0.05	1.41
UK Growth Tst	27.52	29.43	+0.11	2.56
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	76.34	81.64	+0.16	1.57
Cap Hse UK Inc	70.32	75.20	+0.19	2.27
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.52	28.36	+0.09	0.38
European Acc	27.50	29.41	+0.09	0.38
Financial	164.60	176.00	-0.10	2.31
Foundation	97.43	104.20	-0.30	2.44
German	49.91	53.37	+0.29	0.07
High Income	82.63	88.37	+0.01	5.78
Income	143.90	153.90	-0.20	3.58
Intl Growth	39.60	42.35	-0.09	0.15
Mngd Ptflio Inc	111.00	118.70†	-0.80	1.56
Mngd Ptflio Acc	212.40	227.10†	-1.50	1.56
Monthly Income	87.79	93.89†	-0.13	3.42
North American	114.40	122.30†	-0.90	0.15
Orient	160.80	171.90	-0.80	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	85.14	91.02†	-0.43	2.11
American Portfolio	92.90	99.08	-0.22	1.00
European Portfolio	96.76	103.41	-0.12	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	71.91	76.44	-0.15	...
Pacific Portfolio	154.42	166.05	-2.30	0.69
UK Inc & Growth	77.85	83.43	-0.36	3.48
Utility & Bond	58.91	59.63	-0.62	5.85

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	67.68	72.00	+0.26	2.78
Global Tst	...	...	...	...
Recovery Tst	...	...	...	...

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	153.60	166.21	...	...
UK Growth	117.55	126.76	...	1.01
UK Income	121.03	131.88	...	3.56

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	91.51	96.77	...	1.73
Beck Bio-Tech	41.28	43.91	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	167.39	183.73	...	1.15
City Fin Assets	76.16	80.17	-1.23	1.53
City Fin America	83.33	87.72	...	...
City Fin Intl	84.72	89.18	...	0.45
City Fin Japan	172.85	181.95	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	291.75	308.73†	-4.82	2.16
Friars Hse Inc	212.61	226.18	-0.70	4.64
Buckley Wrld Grth	149.33	158.86	...	0.63
Fairmount Cap Gth	153.52	161.60	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	125.23	131.82	...	1.50
Fairmount Intl	171.00	180.00	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	62.59	66.58	...	2.49

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	62.59	66.41	-0.50	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	60.12	64.30	-0.35	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.68	42.67	-0.07	...
Dragon Growth	78.68	84.15	-1.82	0.32
Equity High Inc	88.81	94.48	-0.02	3.17
European Gwth	50.57	53.80	+0.21	0.64
Evergreen	32.48	34.74	-0.04	...
General Equity	89.93	95.42	+0.31	1.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.51	28.91†	+0.19	7.15
Japan Growth	52.15	56.27	+0.35	...
Pedigree Gwth	53.64	57.06	...	1.88
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.62	36.83	...	0.56
Retirement Inc	28.11	30.23	+0.03	4.75
Special Sits	41.44	44.32	+0.02	1.31
UK & Overseas	52.29	55.63	-0.30	0.79

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	67.36	72.04	+0.42	2.67
Income	63.21	67.60	+0.20	3.68

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	178.76	190.17	+0.64	4.65
Fixed & Convertible	47.49	50.52†	+0.05	5.62
Monthly Inc Plus	54.67	58.16	+0.01	7.70
Preference Share	53.83	57.27†	-0.02	6.64
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	140.77	149.76†	+0.36	5.49
Managed Fund	71.86	76.45	+0.13	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.13	49.07	+0.08	1.73
UK & General	82.32	87.57	+0.31	2.47
UK Growth	144.43	153.65	+0.48	1.58
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.39	203.61	-0.77	...
Far Eastern Grth	148.25	157.71	-2.85	0.27
Global Bond	89.65	95.26	+0.24	5.62
Japan Growth	128.75	136.97	-1.16	...
North Amer Grth	165.90	176.49	-0.96	...
Oriental Growth	90.22	95.98	-2.18	...
Worldwide Growth	67.52	71.83	+0.13	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.78	92.78	+0.03	4.65
Homemaker Fund	79.65	84.73†	-0.50	1.81
Quilter Fund	140.69	149.67†	+0.90	1.99

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	60.93	64.81†	+0.09	2.50
High Income	35.75	38.03	+0.02	4.50
Japan	37.76	40.17	+0.25	...
Smaller Cos Inc	34.13	36.30	+0.01	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.52	37.78	+0.02	2.20
North American	33.95	36.11	-0.28	0.50
European	38.11	40.54	+0.17	0.40

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	33.30	35.70†	...	4.15

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	154.80	164.70	+0.40	1.55
Income	79.21	84.27†	-0.08	4.06
European	61.73	65.68	...	0.61
Recovery	143.60	152.80	+0.40	1.45

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	886.20	900.70†	...	3.40

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	75.99	80.85	+0.13	1.76
Income	252.70	263.90	+0.10	4.18
Smaller Cos	162.70	173.10	-0.30	1.18
Inv Portfolio	81.28	86.47†	-0.17	1.75
High Income Port	71.71	76.29	+0.07	4.40

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 480 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1540.5	1574.0	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1272.6	1297.4	...	...
UK Small Cos	1943.0	2022.2†	...	...
US Small Cos	1726.3	1773.0	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 5819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	205.60	216.40	...	2.57

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	265.00	280.20	+1.30	1.07
New Asia	245.00	264.60	-5.90	0.30
Japan Growth	130.80	139.20	+2.20	...
Jap Smllr Co	542.70	576.90	+8.70	...
Nth Amer	257.20	273.20	-1.70	0.89
Shtlnd Asia Pac Mt	137.00	145.40	-3.10	0.43
UK Inc & Grth	229.40	244.90	+0.60	3.31

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	148.60	158.10	-0.20	1.69
UK High Inc Inc	165.10	175.60	-0.10	4.54
UK Pref & F I Inc	63.73	67.56	+0.30	4.64
Envrnmntl Opps	86.23	91.73	-0.35	1.34

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	124.60	132.40	-0.80	0.15
Convertibles	25.73	27.34	-0.03	6.04
Equity Income	141.50	150.30	-0.20	3.33
EuroFund	45.94	48.59†	+0.03	0.82
Financial	54.24	57.63	-0.28	1.39
Growth & Inc	249.80	265.40†	+0.70	2.83
High Dist	175.40	186.40	-0.20	4.02
International	415.90	441.90	-3.10	0.23
Intl Income	100.60	107.40†	-1.10	2.42
Latin American	58.13	61.76	-0.60	0.20
Pacific	92.60	98.39	-2.31	...
Preference Share	26.17	27.81†	-0.04	5.57
Tokyo	232.60	247.00	+3.60	...
UK Smaller Cos	254.00	269.90	-0.20	0.87

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	228.90	244.50	-5.70	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Hardington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	218.70	232.70	...	0.36

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	80.16	84.38	-0.23	1.54
Far Eastern	337.66	355.43	-1.88	1.21
High Income	142.10	149.58	-1.04	4.12
Intl Growth	130.47	137.34	-0.30	0.87
North American	122.49	128.94	-0.08	1.00
Pelican	124.81	131.38	-0.93	2.72
Smaller Cos	80.42	84.65	+0.12	1.09
Special Sits	98.98	104.19	+0.05	2.05
Tst of Inv Tsts	196.90	207.26†	-1.66	1.71

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	228.98	238.52	-0.28	1.51
Smaller Cos Acc	396.42	412.94	-0.47	1.51
Recovery	61.27	63.82	-0.18	1.79

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	117.96	125.35	-0.15	4.58
Capital Growth	85.82	92.04	-0.77	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.46	50.63†	-0.35	0.22
High Income	49.20	52.58†	-0.19	8.43
Warrant	65.88	71.61	-2.21	...
Zero Preference	37.54	39.84	-0.16	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	79.34	84.40†	-1.30	2.38
Family Income Tst	53.12	56.50†	-1.48	5.86
Family Trust	96.36	102.50†	+5.87	1.04
United Charities	267.00	284.90	-4.40	2.80

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.63	26.00†	+0.01	3.01
-do- Europe	24.32	25.64	+0.09	4.63
-do- America	24.05	25.34	-0.13	0.37
-do- Acc Japan	28.07	29.76	+0.40	0.55
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.34	31.63†	-0.02	6.13
Intl Bond	32.59	33.98†	-0.10	4.72
Income Funds				
High Income	29.91	31.47†	+0.01	4.49
Income Plus	130.60	136.90	+0.20	3.59
Amer Eq Inc	49.34	52.53†	-0.38	1.68
European Income	45.85	48.76†	-0.02	2.17
Far East Inc	67.81	72.44	+0.51	2.08
Global Convertible	26.27	28.03	+0.07	1.90
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.15	69.50	-1.50	...
American	246.40	261.20	-1.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	114.90	122.60	-1.10	...
Japan Smaller Cos	43.70	46.62	+0.57	...
European	169.10	179.80	-0.70	...
European Opps	62.75	66.72	+0.05	...
UK Growth	93.44	99.26	+0.24	...
Growth & Inc	164.20	174.60	+0.80	2.21
Intl PEP	37.58	39.96	+0.04	...
Japan Spec Sits	97.24	103.90†	+1.30	...
Japan	206.10	219.80	+3.30	...
Managed Intl	279.40	298.50	+0.60	...
Moneybuilder	55.31	59.22	-0.09	...
Recovery	48.30	51.36	-0.07	...
South E Asia	173.90	185.50	-7.60	...
Special Sits	567.40	603.40	-0.40	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	114.20	120.20	+0.20	2.60
UK Reverse Index	72.73	76.62	-0.07	4.73
Europe Index	118.70	125.00	-1.10	4.25
-do- Reverse Index	64.15	68.08	-0.37	8.36
America Index	103.80	109.30	-0.40	0.70
-do- Reverse Index	94.34	99.66	-0.64	0.83
Japan Index	136.20	143.40	-1.50	0.74
-do- Reverse Index	99.55	105.00	+6.79	1.32
Cash Accum Units	104.30	104.39	+0.03	4.50

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	150.90	154.10	...	1.96
Inc Ptflio	95.44	97.15	-0.04	3.34
Cap Ptflio	154.20	157.20†	-0.30	0.56
General Opps	138.40	140.40	...	3.08
Growth Inc	32.35	33.00	-0.03	1.14
Private Portfolio	444.40	452.50	...	1.35

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2801, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 810

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	115.70	122.90	+0.30	0.20
Far Eastern	194.90	209.10	-1.30	...
High Income	23.19	24.70†	+0.02	10.22
Oseas Income	103.90	111.00	-0.50	2.41
UK Growth	121.50	129.90†	+0.30	0.79
UK Income	115.60	123.70	+0.40	4.45
US Smaller Cos	304.50	325.70	-1.90	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	52.19	55.52	+0.11	3.75
-do- Inv Tst Inc	81.63	86.84	+2.02	3.57
Intl Growth	76.23	81.10	...	1.11
Investment Trust	95.48	101.57	-0.95	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	90.07	95.82†	-0.02	1.15

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	57.25	61.13	-0.37	...
(Accum Units)	57.25	61.13	-0.37	...
Amer Smllr Cos	514.80	550.50	-2.50	...
(Accum Units)	525.90	562.30	-2.60	...
Capital Tst	343.70	366.50	-0.30	1.27
(Accum Units)	483.70	514.50	-0.30	1.27
Cond Smllr Cos	60.96	65.42	...	0.16
(Accum Units)	63.72	68.39	...	0.16
Convertible	146.50	155.80	-0.50	4.32
(Accum Units)	283.90	301.90	-0.90	4.32
Emerging Markets	93.42	99.80	-1.50	...
(Accum Units)	93.50	99.89	-1.51	...
European	119.70	127.30	+0.50	0.12
(Accum Units)	124.80	132.70	+0.50	0.12
Extra Income	359.50	382.40†	...	3.10
(Accum Units)	521.10	554.30†	-0.10	3.10
Financial	127.80	137.60	-0.40	0.33
(Accum Units)	133.80	144.00	-0.50	0.33
Gilt Trust	71.07	73.28	+0.49	5.08
(Accum Units)	94.10	97.02	+0.65	5.08
Health Fund Inc	147.50	157.50	-0.70	...
(Accum Units)	147.50	157.50	-0.70	...
Income & Growth	210.50	223.90	-0.50	3.06
(Accum Units)	304.90	324.30	-0.40	3.06
Intl Growth	393.10	422.00	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	436.60	468.60	-0.30	...
Japan & Gen	200.10	214.40	+1.20	...
(Accum Units)	202.10	216.60	+1.20	...
Managed Port Inc	112.50	118.40	-0.10	0.57
(Accum Units)	118.30	124.50	-0.10	0.57
Monthly Income	183.40	195.00	+0.10	3.18
Quarterly Income	57.88	61.56	-0.50	3.90
(Accum Units)	59.68	63.48	-0.52	3.90
Recovery	394.20	403.10†	-0.60	0.08
(Accum Units)	439.60	470.10†	-0.60	0.08
UK Growth	54.90	58.64	+0.30	2.19
(Accum Units)	54.90	58.64	+0.30	2.19

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	407.60	433.62	-0.75	2.13
-do- Accum	840.85	894.52	-1.55	2.13
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.36	144.00†	-0.06	0.32
-do- Accum	140.59	149.56†	-0.05	0.32
FP Fixed Int Dist	145.08	153.46	+0.35	5.68
-do- Accum	251.33	265.84	+0.61	5.68
FP Intl Gth Dist	97.74	103.98	-0.58	0.34
-do- Accum	101.75	108.24	-0.61	0.34
FP Nth Amer Dist	201.19	213.12†	-1.51	0.54
-do- Accum	219.83	232.87†	-1.64	0.54
FP Pac Basin Dist	341.07	362.84†	-4.97	0.01
-do- Accum	347.58	369.77†	-5.06	0.01
Stewardship Dist	363.06	386.23	-0.71	1.54
-do- Accum	435.77	463.58	-0.86	1.54
Stwrdship Inc Dist	78.84	83.87†	-0.22	2.90
-do- Accum	99.22	105.55†	-0.29	2.90
N Am Stshp Dist	106.30	113.09†	-0.34	0.37
-do- Accum	112.55	119.73†	-0.35	0.37

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	251.10	265.60	-0.20	1.85
Cash	49.33	50.07†	+0.01	4.36
Growth Portfolio	88.87	94.20	-0.17	0.32
Income Portfolio	72.88	77.07†	-0.28	3.23

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 628 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	163.40	174.80	-0.50	...
European	542.90	580.20	-6.90	1.24
Far East & Gen	295.50	316.10	-1.20	...
Germany	119.10	126.80	-0.60	...
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	170.20	182.10	-0.90	4.14
International	380.30	406.80	-4.40	0.31
Intl Income	88.21	93.65	-0.87	3.77
Japan & General	426.30	454.00	+0.30	...
Korean Securities	79.45	84.98	-0.10	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.29	60.21†	-0.40	3.73
UK Capital (Inc)	196.70	210.40	-1.70	1.67
UK Spec Sits	99.11	106.00	-0.40	0.31
US & General	137.70	146.60	-0.40	...
Wwide Spec Sits	177.50	189.50	-0.70	0.08

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.47	57.22†	+0.31	1.85
Cash Trust	132.10	132.10†	+0.03	3.78
Practical Inv Inc	119.15	127.62	-0.49	3.46
UK Index	155.97	158.71	+0.35	2.72
UK Smaller Cos	129.20	138.18	+0.15	1.24
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.83	29.76†	-0.15	8.50
High Income	36.86	39.42†	-0.17	4.41
UK Equity Income	147.30	157.54†	+0.16	3.39
Global Bond	30.97	32.17	-0.05	4.54
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	71.81	76.80	+1.01	...
Global Inc & Gth	143.34	152.99	+0.07	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	113.20	121.07	-2.37	0.57
Global Utilities	141.33	150.93†	-1.26	0.66
Overseas Funds				
American	144.54	154.47	-0.80	0.47
European	99.36	105.21	+0.36	0.86
Euro Sel Opps	133.43	141.60	+0.45	0.20
Amer Emerging	105.15	112.46†	-0.66	...
Hong Kong	181.77	194.41	-7.27	0.85
Japan	256.33	272.65	+2.02	...
Pacific Growth	251.16	268.62	-8.74	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	224.26	224.26†	-0.02	1.69
Long Term Bal	243.64	243.64†	-0.53	2.01
Med Term Bal	203.16	203.16†	-0.57	2.39
UK Equity	246.28	246.28	+0.40	1.37
UK Emerging Cos	152.70	152.70†	+0.24	1.76
American	237.67	237.67	-0.54	1.23
Japan	144.89	144.89	+2.22	...
European	253.02	253.02	+0.97	0.98
Index Linked Gilt	175.12	175.12	+0.26	2.92
Fixed Interest	167.92	167.92	+0.92	6.17
Amer Emerging	263.36	263.36	-9.02	...
Pacific	265.69	265.69	+0.43	0.54
Emerging Mkts	223.36	223.35†	-1.09	...
Index Strat Japan	158.60	158.60†	...	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	225.35	225.35†	...	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	150.04	150.04†	...	1.61
Index Strat USA	135.15	135.15†	...	2.06
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	106.16	112.93	-0.01	...
Med Term Bal	96.66	102.86	-0.28	...
Long Term Bal	110.11	117.14	...	...
UK Equity	113.86	121.13	+0.20	...
UK Emerging Cos	71.66	76.26	+0.12	...
American	110.56	117.62	-0.27	...
Japan	68.73	73.11	...	...
European	105.67	112.42	+0.43	...
Fixed Interest	84.43	89.82	+0.49	...
Index Linked Gilt	77.65	82.61	+0.12	...
Deposit	76.73	81.63	+0.02	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	137.93	145.19†	-0.93	...
Berkeley Income	121.32	127.71†	-0.60	2.00
BWH Intl	147.02	154.76	-0.17	0.56
Britiff Gth Port Inc	64.90	68.53	-0.52	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.83	65.26	-0.49	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	56.41	59.54	-0.34	1.00
Shaw Utilities	58.39	61.63	-0.39	3.46

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	157.20	166.20	...	...
Higher Income	146.10	153.10	...	1.45

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
$ Intl Inc	613.00	652.22	...	0.09
European Inc	149.92	159.49	...	...
Amalgam Inc	157.88	167.17	...	...
N America Inc	344.03	365.90	...	...
Far East Inc	364.44	387.70	...	0.20
UK Dwld Inc	185.64	197.49	...	0.88

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	91.87	96.72	-0.18	4.02
UK Small Cos	54.87	58.69	-1.74	1.10
British Growth	60.90	64.23	+0.09	2.14
American Gwth	165.74	177.26†	-2.80	...
Japan Gwth	87.92	94.03†	+1.01	...
Greater China	217.51	232.63†	-7.23	0.95
Pacific Strategy	188.41	201.51†	-4.80	0.15
European Gwth	85.69	91.65	+0.09	0.52
Intl Growth	167.48	179.12	-0.57	0.24
US Index (£)	13.994	14.745	-0.062	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	83.34	88.11	-0.09	2.15
Monthly Income	46.78	49.68†	-0.13	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	12.156	12.713	-0.121	3.60
Euro Index (£)	13.172	13.785	-0.116	4.50
Japan Index (£)	11.545	12.083	-0.020	1.85
US Index (£)	14.736	15.416	-0.071	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5174	9.5650	-0.002	4.10
UK Bear (£)	7.2504	7.5817	+0.075	3.60
European Bear (£)	7.4076	7.7518	+0.048	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	12.688	13.480	+0.891	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.2178	9.6434	-0.077	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	16.224	16.981	-0.213	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.8208	7.1316	+0.016	3.60
Gilt Bull (£)	11.767	12.300	+0.027	3.60
Gilt Bear (£)	7.0637	7.3836	-0.018	3.60
Dollar Cash (£)	10.750	10.804	-0.071	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	12.644	13.319	-0.007	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	98.565	104.85†	...	0.88
Bridge Income	296.11	315.01	...	4.60

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9468

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	134.40	134.40	...	4.31
European	466.40	496.20	-2.60	...
Gilt & Fixed	140.10	148.70	+0.20	5.17
Growth Equity	352.20	376.20	-1.20	1.66
Income Trust	133.10	142.10	+0.20	2.78
International	193.70	206.90	-1.50	...
Japan Trust	136.60	145.50†	+0.30	...
Nth American	284.40	303.80	-2.00	...
Pacific	642.70	686.60	-14.40	...
Guardhill	516.80	552.10	-1.10	1.67

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	118.39	122.94	-0.30	7.68
Global High Inc	121.74	126.39†	-0.41	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	117.21	121.67	-0.07	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.25	117.23†	-0.51	4.53
European Growth	96.75	102.87	-1.01	...
Intl PEP Trust	62.56	66.51	-0.29	...
High Income	126.00	133.96†	-1.01	3.04
Recovery	414.20	440.40	-3.50	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	140.81	142.92	-1.24	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	255.80	272.00	-0.80	1.13
Tmp Br Sm Co In	370.40	376.90†	-1.90	1.80

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 440, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838 868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	41.28	43.76†	-0.30	1.21
Income Advtg Inc	34.39	36.46	-0.20	3.24

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Ptflio	213.70	226.70	-0.10	1.94
Smaller Cos	36.50	38.83†	-0.01	1.18

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2851, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ST
Enquiries: 0277 263 798 Dealing: 0277 234 772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	318.69	340.99	+0.03	0.90
Best of British	65.96	70.44	+0.35	1.93
UK Smaller Cos	132.18	142.05†	-0.60	0.79
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	293.78	312.87	+0.30	2.62
High Income	352.77	377.11†	+0.16	3.32
Extra Income	309.69	329.69	+0.32	3.93
Pref & Gilt	50.65	54.44†	+0.31	7.50
International				
International	287.58	306.32	-1.50	0.39
Global Bond	59.73	63.54	-0.02	6.05
Family of Funds	85.99	91.78†	-0.80	0.17
Global Tech	158.31	169.31	-0.74	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	198.83	212.62	-4.34	...
European	477.83	506.04	+0.25	0.27
European Income	86.30	91.34†	-0.23	2.26
Euro Smlr Cos	148.91	159.11	-0.16	0.27
Eur Sp Sits	67.74	72.16	-0.13	0.50
Japan Trust	219.13	233.38†	-1.63	...
Japan Special Sits	250.81	268.74	+0.29	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	278.27	296.03	-5.81	0.10
North American	250.65	266.74†	-1.10	...
American Smaller	111.55	119.24	-0.55	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	59.26	62.81	-0.30	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.14	61.64	+0.08	...
General Growth	43.78	46.40	+0.22	...
Global Tech	61.95	65.66	-0.29	...
Income Growth	44.13	46.77	+0.04	...
Japan Growth	26.79	28.39	-0.21	...
Overseas Growth	41.96	44.47	-0.19	...
Smaller Cos	23.35	24.75	-0.19	...
Special Opps	30.87	32.72	-0.13	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	52.41	55.55	-0.24	...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	104.80	112.00	+0.40	1.76
Capital	182.80	194.60†	+0.30	1.55
Dollar	351.30	375.70	-3.40	0.01
European	240.80	257.50	-0.20	0.42
Far East	370.50	396.20	-7.00	0.21
Financial	896.20	958.50	-5.70	1.26
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.35	29.45†	+0.60	7.00
High Yield	118.70	126.90	-0.30	3.87
Income & Growth	156.70	167.50	...	2.90
International	261.20	279.30†	-1.00	0.06
Japanese General	209.90	224.40	-3.00	...
Japan Tech	81.05	86.68†	+0.68	...
Nat Resources	77.81	83.21	-2.18	0.43
Portfolio	78.83	84.30	...	1.65
Security	346.80	370.90	+0.90	1.74
Smaller Cos	143.70	153.60	+0.10	1.14
Special Sits	164.00	175.40	+0.20	1.26
UK Emerging Cos	96.12	102.80	...	0.36
US Smaller Cos	76.39	81.70	-0.57	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	204.80	218.10†	-0.30	1.20
Eurotrack 100	157.70	167.30†	+0.80	0.95
Footsie Fund	55.22	58.42†	+0.16	2.35
Japan Index	85.06	90.68†	+0.89	0.10
Tiger Index	222.60	237.60	-3.90	0.17
Trixie Index	128.80	137.50	...	1.53
UK Index	146.20	156.00†	+0.30	2.65
Active Funds				
American Growth	493.10	526.10	-1.10	0.16
Asian	63.04	67.28†	-1.68	...
Capital	633.30	675.90	+0.70	1.98
European Growth	111.40	118.30†	+0.20	...
Global Bond	24.78	26.12†	-0.05	5.68
Hong Kong Gwth	133.60	142.60	-7.10	0.47
Income	600.80	641.30	...	3.43
Intl Growth	83.03	88.37	+0.04	0.06
Japan Growth	305.60	326.10	+2.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.56	40.02†	+0.51	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	80.27	85.67	-0.66	...
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 520200				
Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	62.87	67.24	+0.08	2.12
(Accum Units)	64.64	69.13	+0.08	2.12
British Tst	89.32	95.53	+0.83	1.78
(Accum Units)	101.10	108.10	+1.00	1.78
Extra High Inc	76.93	82.28†	-0.05	5.38
(Accum Units)	141.00	150.80†	-0.10	5.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.09	62.56	+0.18	6.06
(Accum Units)	164.60	171.40	+0.50	6.06
High Yield	251.30	268.80	-0.30	4.24
(Accum Units)	603.20	645.10	-0.70	4.24
Income	322.50	344.90†	+3.30	2.64
(Accum Units)	689.40	737.30†	+7.10	2.64
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	138.30	147.90	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.59
Money Market UT	49.23	49.23†	+0.02	4.68
(Accum Units)	74.70	74.70†	+0.03	4.68
Monthly Income	95.18	101.80	-0.10	3.73
North American	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.40	111.10	+0.30	1.77
European Growth	107.30	114.20	+0.20	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.48	93.93	+0.27	5.91
Income	91.99	97.86	+0.08	2.70
Japan Growth	57.88	61.57	+0.57	...
Managed	69.67	74.12	+0.09	2.37
Money Market	82.96	87.93	+0.04	4.57
North American	90.58	96.36	-0.20	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	94.85	100.90	+0.20	1.75
European Growth	101.10	107.50	+0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.33	89.53	+0.26	5.87
Income	90.39	96.16	+0.07	2.67
Japan Growth	57.71	61.39	+0.57	...
Managed	66.66	70.91	+0.09	2.34
Money Market	76.68	81.28	+0.04	4.52
North American	82.48	87.74	-0.18	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.22	101.30	-0.30	1.73
European Growth	98.70	105.00	+0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.13	82.95	+0.23	5.95
Income	89.86	95.60	+0.07	2.67
Japan Growth	59.11	62.88	+0.57	...
Managed	70.03	74.50	+0.09	2.33
Money Market	72.05	76.37	+0.03	4.56
North American	91.47	97.31	-0.20	0.43

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	76.23	80.99	-1.64	0.25
Smaller Cos	34.60	36.76†	-0.22	1.03
Special Features	33.91	36.02	-0.59	1.18
(Accum Units)	40.42	42.94	-0.69	1.18
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	80.86	85.91†	-1.70	1.68
Accum Units	97.21	103.20†	-2.10	1.68
General Equities	76.93	81.73†	-1.72	2.50
Great British Cos	55.54	59.41†	-0.92	1.91
Managed Invest	105.50	112.60†	-1.10	1.04
PEP Managed	75.99	81.13	-0.97	1.94
Rupert Child Tst	85.45	91.19	-1.64	1.64
UK Growth	63.15	67.57	-1.23	1.38
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.05	50.05†	+0.01	3.76
Cashbox (Acc)	57.35	57.35†	+0.01	3.76
Extra Income	92.35	98.80†	-0.96	4.24
Gilt	29.85	31.46†	-0.10	5.76
Income & Growth	45.10	48.10	-0.78	2.92
Minster Gilt & FI	81.80	83.62	-0.14	7.20
Preference Shares	20.04	21.29	-0.01	5.63
UK Income	361.10	386.10	-5.50	2.80
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	74.66	79.32	-1.21	0.50
Property Shares	89.78	96.40	-0.88	0.96
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	53.11	56.41	-0.45	0.50
US Smaller Cos	123.10	130.20	-1.80	...
(Accum Units)	124.40	131.60	-1.80	...
Europe Perf	152.00	161.00	-2.40	...
(Accum Units)	157.10	166.40	-2.60	...
Euro Smaller Cos	28.82	30.57	-0.30	...
French Growth	82.01	86.92	-1.18	...
Accum Units	87.85	93.12†	-1.26	...
Fl Kong & China	110.40	117.20†	-0.10	0.32
Intl Growth	61.17	64.99	-0.55	...
Accum Units	61.48	65.32	-0.54	...
Japan Perf	36.64	38.91	+0.08	...
Accum Units	36.64	38.91	+0.08	...
Japan Smaller Cos	43.28	45.98	+0.08	...
Singapore ASEAN	121.60	131.50	-0.10	...
Accum Units	132.40	132.93	+0.20	...
SE Asia	371.90	395.10	+0.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	100.70	107.20	-1.00	1.28
Intl Bond	60.89	61.69	-0.12	5.80

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	183.50	195.20	-1.20	...
Income	153.20	162.98†	-0.86	3.51
Res & General	157.40	165.20	...	...
UK Growth	56.47	60.08†	-0.40	0.87
International	92.27	98.16†	-0.81	0.01
Ecology	88.16	93.79	-0.66	0.55
European	118.04	125.49	-0.46	...
Far Eastern	363.60	386.80	-10.00	...

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	60.39	64.24	+0.80	6.07
(Accum Units)	84.10	89.47	+1.13	6.07
Gilt Yield	126.50	133.40	+0.60	6.64
(Accum Units)	369.50	390.00	+1.80	6.64
Global Income	240.50	255.90†	-0.75	3.37
(Accum Units)	534.50	568.60	-1.70	3.37
High Yield	155.70	165.60†	-1.56	5.19
(Accum Units)	446.90	475.40	-4.77	5.19
Smllr Cos Div	60.75	64.63†	-2.15	2.68
(Accum Units)	76.23	81.10†	-2.69	2.68
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	100.30	106.70†	-1.00	...
(Accum Units)	103.80	110.40†	-1.10	...
North American	81.02	86.19	-0.46	0.29
(Accum Units)	99.33	105.70	-0.50	0.29
European Special	94.46	100.50	-0.15	1.24
(Accum Units)	99.10	105.40	-0.20	1.24
European	157.30	167.30	-0.10	1.17
(Accum Units)	206.00	219.10	-0.20	1.17
General	301.80	321.10†	+0.60	2.80
(Accum Units)	503.00	535.10†	+0.80	2.80
Japan	459.80	489.10	+8.80	...
(Accum Units)	464.90	494.60	+9.00	...
Japanese Special	262.80	279.60	+5.80	...
(Accum Units)	264.10	281.00	+5.80	...
Master Accum	262.20	278.90	-0.90	0.77
Pacific	377.70	401.80	-3.40	0.36
(Accum Units)	442.90	471.20	-4.00	0.36
Smaller Cos	125.00	133.00	-0.11	0.87
(Accum Units)	169.50	180.30	-0.10	0.87
UK Equity Growth	47.11	50.12†	+0.02	1.55
(Accum Units)	88.22	93.85†	+0.04	1.55

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1683

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	68.07	72.41	-0.29	0.80
Inv Trust	74.57	79.32	-0.58	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	62.30	66.27	-0.06	1.60
High Inc Acc	60.09	63.92	+0.03	4.40

IAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	95.48	101.60	...	0.39
Extra Income	27.43	29.18	-0.05	3.11
Far East	33.58	35.73	-0.30	0.25
Income & Gwth	84.15	90.29	+0.91	2.29
Intl Growth	60.90	64.79	-0.30	0.58
Japan	68.67	73.05	+0.36	...
Maximum Dist	99.71	101.70†	...	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.41	45.12†	-0.17	0.11
UK Equity	99.04	105.40†	...	1.83

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Brandwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	667.10	701.10†	...	4.63
Intl & General	460.60	470.00†	...	0.55

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	61.07	64.97†	+0.12	3.85
Smaller Cos	58.28	61.67	-0.06	0.81

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	267.10	284.30	-0.70	1.56
High Income	118.80	126.40†	-0.40	3.48
International	104.20	110.90	...	0.40
Recovery Trust	68.50	72.87	-0.23	1.18
European Trust	87.94	93.55	+0.36	0.70
Japanese Trust	48.61	51.71†	-0.27	...
American Trust	84.89	90.31	-0.56	...
Managed	71.65	76.22	-0.28	0.57
Cash	51.64	51.64	+0.01	4.08

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	376.00	382.10†	...	2.51
UK Inc/Gth	409.70	416.30†	...	2.77
UK Income	280.70	295.40†	...	3.36
UK Sm Cos	269.40	278.90†	...	1.31
Euro Gwth	124.10	125.10	...	...
N Amer Gwth	85.30	86.30	...	0.22
Jap & Pac Gth	89.19	90.46	...	...
Money Mkt	117.53	117.53	...	2.340

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 308 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	499.70	531.60	+1.70	2.18
Equity Income	108.10	115.00†	+0.10	3.23
UK Tactical Alloctn	59.36	63.03	+0.16	3.51
European	117.00	124.50†	+0.50	0.60
Far Eastern	259.30	275.90	-2.00	...
Fixed Interest	57.15	60.68	+0.06	6.43
Gilt	99.56	105.60	+0.40	5.61
Global Growth	84.00	89.36	-0.57	0.29
Intl Bond	57.46	61.02†	+0.14	4.56
Japanese	80.35	85.48	+0.71	...
North American	159.70	169.90†	-0.70	0.24
Pacific Growth	138.30	147.10	-1.60	...
UK Index	66.36	70.04	+0.20	2.60
UK Recovery	97.29	103.50	-1.00	1.47
UK Smaller Cos	134.70	143.30†	-0.30	0.95
US Index	61.50	64.91	-0.15	1.66
European Index	74.39	78.51†	+0.30	1.29
Japan Index	44.39	46.85	+0.41	...
Worldwide	90.62	96.40	+0.02	1.01

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	50.74	54.56†	+0.12	3.05
Income	62.89	67.26†	+0.02	3.80
Far East	63.83	68.27	-0.29	...
North American	105.00	112.90	-0.40	...
Global	106.10	113.50	-1.20	0.60
European	89.77	96.01	-0.38	0.81
Japan	120.40	128.80	+1.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	61.47	65.22	+0.11	5.84
SE Asia	131.60	140.70	-3.80	0.64
UK Cap Growth	97.35	104.10	-0.80	1.77

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 318

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	366.10	389.50	-0.10	2.31
-do- Acc	812.70	864.60	-0.20	2.31
Contl Euro Gth	63.60	66.95	-0.30	0.98
-do- Acc	67.75	71.32	-0.32	0.98
Extra Inc	277.90	295.70	-0.30	3.17
-do- Acc	696.90	741.40	-0.70	3.17
German Gth	121.40	127.80	...	0.16
-do- Acc	127.30	134.00	...	0.16
Growth Port	584.20	621.50	-0.80	0.11
-do- Acc	589.10	626.80	-0.80	0.11
Income	521.70	555.00	-0.40	3.11
-do- Acc	1361.0	1448.0	-1.00	3.11
Income Port	542.00	576.70†	-0.10	3.56
-do- Acc	557.10	592.70	...	3.56
Japan Growth	112.20	119.40	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	112.60	119.80	+0.80	...
Master Trust	62.24	66.22	-0.11	0.93
-do- Acc	68.52	72.90	-0.12	0.93
N American Gen	204.10	217.20	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	235.20	250.80	-0.70	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	155.70	165.70	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	158.90	169.10	-0.70	...
Pacific Basin	307.00	326.60†	-6.60	0.25
-do- Acc	325.70	346.50	-7.10	0.25
Small Cos Rec	384.60	404.90	-13.20	1.73
-do- Acc	505.20	531.80	-17.40	1.73
UK Growth	91.82	97.69†	+0.10	1.82
-do- Acc	109.10	116.10	+0.20	1.82
Worldwide Gth	347.60	369.80	-6.90	0.18
-do- Acc	322.80	343.60	-10.20	0.18

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	68.72	73.73	-0.29	0.30
General	93.19	99.99	-0.02	2.30
Income	75.00	80.47	-0.11	4.40
International	69.31	74.37	-0.51	0.70
Japan	59.52	63.86	+0.11	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	73.86	79.25	-0.55	1.30

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	428.20	452.80†	-1.70	0.70
Amer Recovery	483.20	511.00	-4.30	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	137.30	145.20†	-1.40	...
Australasian	187.10	197.90†	-2.59	1.08
Capital	851.20	900.10†	-1.50	1.85
Charifund	750.70	758.30†	+0.60	4.81
Commodity	404.80	428.10†	-7.10	0.36
Compound Grth	972.40	1028.3	-2.00	2.25
Dividend	43.00	45.50	...	3.89
Equity Income	375.80	397.40†	+0.28	4.35
Euro & General	513.80	543.30	-4.80	0.51
Euro Dividend	74.60	78.90†	-0.40	3.24
Extra Yield	453.10	479.20	+0.90	4.10
Far Eastern	416.30	440.20†	-7.17	0.19
Fund of Inv Tsts	650.20	687.60	-5.80	1.70
General	64.60	68.30	-0.20	3.41
Gilt Income	67.85	67.96†	+0.08	6.42
Gold	70.80	74.90†	-2.30	0.52
High Income	30.90	32.70	-0.10	4.07
Intl Growth	83.00	87.80†	-0.40	0.69
International Inc	110.00	116.30	-0.40	4.00
Japan & Gen	50.60	53.50	+0.30	...
Japan Smlr Cos	173.20	183.20	+1.80	...
Managed Income	30.00	31.50†	...	3.47
Midland	69.30	73.30	-0.10	2.34
Pension Ex	1006.0	1031.2	-0.80	3.59
Recovery	45.00	47.60	-0.10	1.96
Second General	76.20	80.60	+0.90	3.11
Smaller Cos	76.10	80.50†	...	2.29
Treasury	25.07	25.10†	...	4.71
Trustee	46.10	48.80	-0.20	3.77

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	83.57	88.90	+0.26	0.23
High Income	314.80	334.80	-1.90	3.88
Intl Bond	71.00	74.73	+0.17	4.22
Intl Equity Growth	73.79	78.50	-0.17	0.37
N Amer Growth	101.27	107.73	-0.47	0.71
Special Sits Growth	23.71	25.22	-0.13	1.57
UK Growth	395.30	420.50	-1.90	2.23

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1358.1	1384.4	...	2.57

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	153.60	158.20	-2.00	3.64

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	205.00	219.20	-0.20	1.98
Gilt & Fxd Int	192.50	202.70	+0.50	6.55
Intl Growth	223.70	239.10	-1.00	0.18
North American	189.00	202.50	-0.50	0.32
Far East	304.50	325.70	-6.60	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	182.10	194.80	-0.40	1.37
European	82.36	88.08	-0.25	0.31
Japanese Growth	49.51	52.77	+0.05	...
Managed Ptflio	72.47	77.40	-0.21	1.31
High Income	199.90	213.80	-0.50	3.77

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 866

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Ptflio	159.90	170.10†	+0.18	1.57
-do- Accum	180.50	192.00†	+0.18	1.57
UK Sel Ptflio	136.50	145.20	+0.28	1.67
-do- Accum	155.60	165.60	-0.28	1.67

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 862

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	71.79	76.37	...	3.17

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	81.31	86.32	-0.17	4.19
European	85.59	90.86†	-0.31	0.41
Income & Growth	93.15	98.27†	-0.15	2.39
Nth American	61.35	65.13	-0.08	0.33
Far East	190.70	202.40	-2.50	...
Charities	126.80	134.60†	-0.30	3.19
Japan	60.09	63.79	+0.47	...
Emging Mkts	138.10	147.70†	-2.00	0.16
Intl Growth	119.20	126.50	-0.70	0.09
UK Growth	95.33	101.20	-0.10	0.53

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	209.90	223.40	-1.60	...
(Accum Units)	224.20	238.70	-1.70	...
American Opps	94.13	100.40	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	95.34	101.70	+0.40	...
British Blue Chip	83.80	89.29	+0.28	2.82
(Accum Units)	100.80	107.40	+0.30	2.82
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	4.74
(Accum Units)	133.00	133.00†	...	4.74
Emerging Mkts	145.10	156.00	-2.40	...
European Growth	254.50	270.20	...	0.99
(Accum Units)	274.00	290.90	...	0.99
European Income	88.20	93.51†	-0.05	2.61
(Accum Units)	115.50	122.40†	-0.10	2.61
General	553.50	590.40	+1.30	2.05
(Accum Units)	1059	1129	+2.00	2.05
Global Bond	135.10	142.00	-0.30	5.61
(Accum Units)	155.60	163.60	-0.40	5.61
Gold & General	190.60	204.90	-7.70	0.46
(Accum Units)	194.90	209.60	-7.80	0.46
Govt Securities	100.90	104.00	+0.40	6.84
(Accum Units)	187.00	192.80	+0.90	6.84
Income	166.70	176.40	...	3.86
(Accum Units)	247.80	263.70	...	3.86
International	476.10	507.40	-0.90	0.55
(Accum Units)	635.00	676.70	-1.20	0.55
Japan	200.90	213.00†	+1.90	...
(Accum Units)	206.20	218.60†	+1.80	...
New Europe	181.40	190.80†	-0.80	1.34
(Accum Units)	185.60	198.00†	-0.80	1.34
Pacific	143.90	153.50	-4.50	0.54
(Accum Units)	153.00	163.20	-4.80	0.54
Recovery	362.00	386.00	-6.30	2.32
(Accum Units)	459.10	489.70	-8.00	2.32
UK Smaller Cos	65.24	69.59	-0.10	1.56
(Accum Units)	73.25	78.14	-0.12	1.56
Portfolio	86.16	91.71	...	2.47
(Accum Units)	98.90	105.30	...	2.47

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	119.34	126.96	-0.07	0.81
Intl Strategy	68.86	73.25†	-0.42	0.62
UK Income Inc	82.74	88.02	...	5.53

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	13.63	14.50	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	319.60	340.20†	-2.80	...
European Gth Inc	388.40	414.40	-0.30	...
Intl Gwth	204.20	218.30	-0.90	...
UK Equity Inc	190.30	204.50†	-0.40	2.87
UK Ind Trckr Inc	168.30	180.00†	-0.10	2.71
UK Eq Ind Trk Inc	204.70	217.20†	-0.40	1.42
Japan Tracker	80.59	85.20	-0.03	...
Asian Trader	244.00	265.10†	-5.40	0.08
Managed Inc	156.40	168.20	-0.20	1.53
Deposit Inc	99.91	99.91†	+0.02	4.84
Europa	177.80	190.30†	-0.10	...
Genesis	167.30	182.00	-0.30	...
High Income	23.86	25.29	+0.02	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	100.30	102.60	-0.30	2.04
Acumen Inc	96.60	98.70	-0.34	2.04
Acumen Reserve	98.96	99.86†	+0.33	6.60
-do- Inc	81.14	81.96†	+0.30	6.60
American Income	188.20	193.20†	-1.30	1.33
Cash Income	49.56	50.07†	+0.01	4.30
Equity Income	105.80	108.70	-0.10	4.21
European	77.13	78.50	-0.17	0.76
Smaller Cos	86.08	89.57	-0.26	0.86
Olympiad	73.22	75.31†	-0.89	0.02
Global Bond	49.60	50.14†	+0.01	5.97
UK Growth	96.87	99.80	+0.19	1.46
Pacific Growth	124.10	128.40	-3.40	...
Japan Growth	100.20	102.10	-0.90	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	123.24	131.11†	+0.53	2.75

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695
Dlg: 0705 882 680

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	112.90	120.10†	-1.30	1.48
Open Cap Gth Inc	115.30	122.60†	-1.00	1.31
NM Unit Trusts				
American	46.16	49.18	-0.18	1.60
Australian	372.50	399.60	-6.70	...
Conscience	78.73	84.02	+1.68	0.42
European	204.30	217.30	+1.00	0.69
Extra Income	81.02	86.46†	+0.20	5.13
Gilt & FI	61.79	65.23†	+0.27	5.67
Gold	64.13	68.95	-2.01	...
Income	60.13	64.13	+0.07	3.63
Intnl	34.77	37.18	-0.11	0.67
Jap Smaller Cos	370.60	395.30	+4.70	...
Sing & Malaysian	260.90	279.70	-4.40	...
Smaller Cos	33.00	35.48	-0.55	0.56
Special Sits	39.31	42.26	+0.08	1.45
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50†	...	4.50
Tokyo	90.37	96.39	+0.89	...
UK Equity	185.80	198.10†	+0.60	2.51
US Smaller Cos	118.40	126.60	-0.70	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	79.75	84.85	+0.02	1.62
UK Income	117.80	125.10	+0.20	3.15
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.51	84.14†	-0.29	6.00
Higher Income	240.10	255.50	-0.50	4.06
Smaller Cos	91.43	97.27	-0.23	1.25
International	105.20	112.00	-0.10	1.37

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	114.80	122.80	-0.70	...
European Dist	107.40	114.90	+0.50	...
Far East Dist	195.20	208.80†	-3.30	...
Global Care Dist	77.70	83.10	+0.01	2.28
Oseas Dist	1071.2	1145.7	-4.80	0.33
UK Dist	364.70	390.10	+1.00	1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist	81.90	87.59†	+0.02	3.49
Wwide Dist	109.90	117.50	-0.70	...
Wwide Inc Dist	74.66	79.85	+0.01	1.88

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	62.81	66.29	+0.23	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	61.44	64.84†	-0.08	0.51
North America Inc	52.03	54.91	-0.28	0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc	63.93	67.44	+0.04	1.53
UK General Inc	62.32	65.77	+0.15	1.84
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	52.10	54.84†	+0.18	6.00
UK Income Inc	63.49	67.01†	+0.16	2.30

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	245.54	261.22†	-0.03	3.20
Global	372.35	396.01	-0.60	1.04
General	205.75	218.89†	-0.36	1.17
Bond	137.82	146.34	+0.14	6.03
Growth	134.07	142.63	+0.40	1.55
Intrepid	130.54	135.98	...	1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	129.41	137.66	-0.13	1.16
UK Equity	147.65	157.07	+0.60	2.76
UK Equity Income	141.93	150.99	+0.65	3.36
UK Smaller Cos	133.41	141.93†	+0.03	1.24
UK Equity Growth	136.04	144.72	+0.61	2.48
UK Index Trckg	149.79	159.35	-1.34	2.98
Intl Index Trckg	149.90	159.47	+0.06	0.98
International	244.19	259.78	-0.82	0.60
European	185.94	197.81†	+0.53	0.34
Pan European	131.78	140.19	+0.45	1.07
Nth American	165.54	176.11	-0.58	0.45
N Amer Smlr Cos	189.43	201.52†	-1.08	...
Japanese	101.48	107.96	+0.94	...
Pacific	264.52	281.40	-3.86	...
South East Asian	294.44	313.23	-6.39	0.19
Intl Bond	141.19	150.09†	+0.30	3.79
Gilt & Convertible	114.60	121.83†	+0.86	8.72
Property	83.48	88.81	-0.03	3.52

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	254.10	270.20	-0.20	1.95
Growth	164.20	172.80	...	2.13
Income	257.60	274.00	-0.60	2.96
Intl Equity	261.40	278.00	-0.80	0.53
UK Income	70.68	75.19†	-0.10	2.57
UK Intl 25	82.43	87.69	...	1.50
New Europe	76.28	81.14	-0.26	0.28

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	635.46	679.64	-1.66	0.01
Income	361.16	386.27	-2.06	2.43
Wwide Recovery	402.19	430.16	-0.17	0.01
Amer Growth Inc	234.71	251.03†	-0.86	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	270.84	289.67	-0.34	0.03
Far Estn Grth Inc	320.12	342.38	-2.82	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	145.77	155.91	+0.93	0.38
UK Growth Inc	92.33	98.75	-0.73	2.07
High Income	99.65	106.58†	-0.52	3.26
Jap Gwth Inc	244.68	259.96	+5.15	0.01
PEP Growth	125.69	134.43	-0.17	0.52
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	145.63	155.76†	-3.14	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	145.88	156.03	-0.49	0.01
Global Bond	64.95	68.43	-0.03	5.25
UK Smaller Cos Inc	86.46	92.48	+0.24	0.94

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	113.78	121.04	-0.30	...
European	72.01	76.61	-0.49	0.25
Global	74.47	79.22	-0.36	...
Pacific	73.87	78.58	-0.01	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	70.37	74.86	-0.51	1.82

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 559 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	109.58	116.67	-1.26	...

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	171.95	181.00†	-1.98	0.59

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	63.24	67.03	-0.03	1.72
Growth Income	65.48	69.40	+0.30	1.31

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	142.47	151.57†	-0.68	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	100.60	107.00†	-0.60	2.66
Conv & Gilt	130.60	138.90	-0.20	4.91
European Income	79.08	84.13	-0.02	2.27
Extra Income	165.90	176.50	+0.10	3.40
Far East	437.20	465.20	+0.60	0.20
Global Income	29.31	31.18†	-0.04	4.01
High Income	126.30	134.30	...	3.14
International	224.40	238.80	-1.10	0.35
Pref & Fxd Int	46.08	49.02†	-0.16	6.88
Recovery	87.83	93.44	+0.12	1.57
Special Sits	116.00	123.40	-0.20	1.37
Technology	357.00	379.80	-1.40	...
UK Blue Chip	72.66	77.30	+0.17	2.47

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	56.16	59.74	+0.26	2.54
International	96.72	102.89	-0.38	0.66
Gilt	26.94	27.77†	+0.17	6.99
Income & Gwth	79.49	84.56†	-1.04	3.64
European	53.82	57.26	+0.25	1.12
American	56.18	59.77	-0.32	0.05
Emerging Mkts	108.95	115.90	-1.15	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	34.31	36.50	+0.08	1.48
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.96	30.81	+0.02	5.19
Global PEP	42.06	44.74	-0.05	1.40

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	258.30	277.40	+1.60	0.70
Japan Inc	109.50	117.10	-0.70	...
Nth American Inc	119.20	128.30	-1.10	0.12
Worldwide Inc	175.80	187.70	-0.20	0.66
Hong Kong Inc	186.40	199.00	-8.00	0.79
Swiss Equities Inc	68.52	73.62	+0.75	0.34
Wwide Bond Inc	67.18	71.27	-0.07	6.20
Emging Asia Inc	230.50	246.60	-0.90	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.07	51.09†	+0.02	5.41
Thailand Inc	165.50	176.60	+1.30	0.73
Gold Trust Inc	84.37	91.27	-2.11	0.19
New Zealand Inc	99.92	107.10	-0.90	0.44
Int Mngd PEP Inc	69.49	75.14	-0.23	3.56
Latin Am Cmp Inc	108.50	116.40†	-0.60	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	62.61	67.34	+0.16	1.90
La Fond Francais	73.14	78.66	-0.26	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	84.26	90.12	-0.27	1.40
Global Portfolio	77.33	82.71	-0.37	...
Global Opps	76.67	82.00	-0.11	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	71.98	76.73	-1.39	1.81
AAM Global Equity	60.95	64.61	-0.80	0.74
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	95.35	103.00	-0.30	0.87
CAM Brit Inc Inc	50.28	52.99†	-0.09	1.89
CAM Int Recvy Inc	50.58	54.73	-1.90	0.92
Temple Equity Inc	50.58	55.08†	-0.24	2.89
Hartley Growth	83.79	89.14	+0.01	1.18
Intl Growth Inc	85.62	91.57	...	1.41
IPS Portfolio Inc	94.06	100.60†	-0.60	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	52.72	55.22	-0.22	...
Premier Perfms Inc	74.70	79.89†	-0.30	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	79.31	84.82	-0.49	0.73
Tech Analysis	112.20	119.40	+0.20	0.75
Rosebery Growth	45.75	49.00	-0.87	...
International Strat	84.62	90.50	-0.55	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	59.34	63.63	-0.48	...
Coverdale Topout	55.65	60.05	-0.43	...
Prem Equity Inc	100.00	106.50	-0.30	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.58	50.08	-0.01	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3963

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	176.90	188.20	...	1.77
European Gth	98.56	104.40	-0.10	0.43
Income & Gth	147.00	156.40	-0.20	2.38
Japan Gth	128.70	136.40	+0.70	...
Nth Amer Gth	122.80	130.60	-0.90	...
Overseas Gth	92.30	98.19	-0.60	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricefonts: 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	38.33	40.89	-0.04	1.31
Cash Haven Inc	100.89	101.38†	+0.03	3.88
Cash Haven Acc	107.96	108.49†	+0.03	3.88
Global Growth	94.10	100.64†	+0.16	0.80
Equity Inc	90.68	96.98†	...	3.23
Equity	765.92	819.16	+2.15	2.12
European	212.67	227.45	+1.75	0.77
High Income	98.77	105.63	-0.22	3.85
Intl Grth	191.75	206.07†	+0.72	0.93
Intl Sm Co	84.31	90.17	-0.27	0.21
Japanese	218.05	233.20	+2.62	...
Nth Amer	166.06	177.60	-1.17	0.67
Pacific Mkts	116.88	125.00†	-2.76	0.68
Premier Inc	52.80	54.97†	+0.03	5.85
Sm Cos	99.67	106.59	+0.06	1.74
Spec Sits	116.40	124.49†	+0.27	1.95
UK Growth	126.85	135.66†	+0.44	1.91

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	323.70	348.60	+0.60	2.73
Reliance Inc	186.10	197.80	+3.00	2.31

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	105.20	111.60†	...	1.74

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	545.19	581.06	-2.28	0.55
FA America (Acc)	635.31	677.11	-2.65	0.55
FA UK Equity Inc	170.69	182.57	-0.50	2.97
FA Japan	288.36	307.38	+1.47	...
FA Major UK Cos	102.07	109.13	+0.15	1.95
FA Smllr UK Cos	323.74	350.91	-0.59	0.73
FA European	317.61	336.09	-0.24	0.57
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.52	51.97	-0.38	...
FA Asia	58.57	63.11	-1.58	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	53.22	56.76	+0.58	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	100.31	105.58	+0.14	...
UK Smllr Cos	91.33	96.13	-0.17	...
UK Income	98.12	103.28	-0.28	...
America	108.85	114.57	-0.45	...
Japanese	63.24	66.56	+0.32	...
European	100.70	105.99	-0.08	...
Gilt	90.02	94.75	+0.18	...
Deposit	79.43	83.61	+0.04	...
Managed	103.46	108.90	-0.13	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	97.89	103.03	+0.13	...
UK Smaller Cos	89.46	94.16	-0.16	...
UK Income	95.95	100.99	-0.29	...
America	106.22	111.80	-0.44	...
Japanese	61.73	64.97	+0.31	...
European	98.32	103.49	-0.07	...
Gilt	88.93	93.60	+0.18	...
Deposit	75.94	79.93	+0.04	...
Managed	98.17	103.33	-0.13	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 398 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	75.72	80.85	-0.43	0.11
Pacific Basin	90.61	97.22	-0.48	...
High Inc Dist	138.20	147.80	-0.30	4.11
Ryl Life Int Crncy	64.28	68.34	-0.01	3.29
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.99	75.80	-0.15	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.79	69.98	-0.66	...
UK Emerging Cos	129.80	140.30	-0.50	1.34
UK Index Trckg	177.40	189.00	-4.10	2.97
European	124.30	133.30	-0.70	0.29
Managed	151.50	162.90†	-0.70	0.79

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 744 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	155.40	164.50†	-0.90	0.27
European Growth	111.50	117.90†	-1.20	0.49
Far East Growth	154.60	164.50†	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	152.10	161.70	+0.30	...
Special Sits	214.10	227.70	-1.60	1.14
UK Growth	81.95	87.18	-0.69	1.64
Triton General	250.80	266.60	-1.40	0.27

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	196.00	207.40	-2.70	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	355.80	376.50	+1.20	0.35
Growth Inc	134.70	142.50	...	0.02
International Inc	349.70	370.00	+0.50	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	339.90	359.70	-1.10	0.47
UK Gen Prog Inc	223.60	236.80	+0.50	0.69
UK High Inc Inc	147.70	156.30	+0.30	3.14

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ
071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	66.82	71.09	+0.02	...
Amer Smllr Cos	86.94	92.49	-0.35	...
Asian Gwth	128.25	136.43	-3.51	0.75
European Gwth	71.66	76.24	-0.71	1.00
Global Bd	63.99	67.57	+0.31	5.00
Global Eq	71.48	76.04	-0.33	0.80
Japanese Eq	62.33	66.31	+0.70	...
Japan Sm Cos	73.92	78.64	+0.93	...
UK Gen	58.26	61.98	-0.57	2.80
UK Gwth	63.44	67.49	-0.63	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	74.59	79.35	-0.28	3.68
Amer Smllr Cos	114.30	121.60†	-0.70	...
Asian Smaller Cos	63.94	68.02	-0.83	...
Capital Portfolio	138.70	147.50	+0.20	1.63
Capital	174.20	185.30	-1.70	0.93
Cash	121.90	121.90	+0.10	5.09
China Dragon	77.75	82.71	-3.63	0.60
Commodity	136.80	145.50	-3.80	0.53
Eastern Discovery	125.30	133.30	-0.60	...
Energy Inds	124.90	132.90†	-0.10	0.16
European Gwth	198.90	211.60	-0.90	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	82.64	87.81†	+0.13	1.62
Euro Smllr Cos	53.68	57.11	-0.23	...
Financial Secs	216.30	230.10	+0.90	0.53
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	54.50	57.54	+0.01	7.38
Gold & Exploration	86.28	91.79†	-2.47	0.28
High Return	248.30	264.20†	-0.70	3.01
High Yield	245.00	260.60	-0.50	3.22
Income	129.60	137.90†	-0.30	3.98
Ind Bond	179.10	189.40	+0.20	5.12
ITU	225.10	239.50	-1.90	0.49
Japan Growth	179.70	191.20	+1.10	...
Japan Smaller	205.70	218.80	+1.10	...
Korea	85.91	91.39	+1.30	...
Masterfund	58.26	61.98	-0.25	0.73
Scotbits	321.40	341.90†	-1.40	0.83
Scotshares	308.20	327.90	-0.80	1.50
Scotyields	255.00	271.30	-0.40	3.46
Select Intl	154.90	164.80	-0.80	0.50
Smaller Cos Inc	276.40	294.00	-1.90	3.27
SE Asia	696.90	741.40	-19.10	...
Special Situation	131.20	139.60	-0.20	0.49
UK Equity	257.40	273.80†	+0.20	2.40
UK Growth	70.68	75.19	+0.03	1.34
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	51.94	55.25†	-0.48	0.96
US Growth	154.40	164.30	-0.80	0.10
Univ Growth	154.40	164.30	-0.70	0.33

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	260.76	277.44	-0.32	0.63
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	74.87	79.79	+0.15	0.56
Euro Smllr Cos	73.19	78.06	+0.07	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	108.54	115.77†	-2.37	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.86	60.99	+0.34	6.76
Global Bond	55.60	57.56†	+0.24	5.06
Global Emer Mkts	67.62	72.12	-0.75	0.58
Income	385.95	411.67	+3.04	3.14
Japan Smllr Cos	511.71	545.82†	+9.85	...
Japan Enterprise	74.90	79.89	+1.09	...
Pacific Gwth	150.97	161.03†	-3.24	...
Seoul	60.61	65.34	-0.99	...
Smaller Cos	233.01	248.54	+0.42	0.48
Tokyo	127.84	136.36	+2.74	...
UK Enterprise	260.54	277.90	+0.73	1.88
UK Equity	254.18	271.12†	+1.05	2.17
US Smllr Cos	161.70	172.47	-0.11	...
World Fd	85.06	90.73†	+0.17	1.62
Institutional Funds				
European	236.98	246.85†	+0.09	1.11
Euro Smllr Cos	29.94	31.18	-0.18	1.47
Global Equity Inc	81.68	85.08	-0.28	0.54
Japan Smllr Cos	39.01	40.63	+0.23	0.06
Mngd Balanced	197.54	205.77	-0.10	3.30
Overseas Equity	195.63	203.78	-1.01	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	129.91	135.32	-0.42	0.25
Pacific	289.44	301.50	-6.82	0.61
Recovery	2100.8	2188.4†	+4.70	2.25
UK Index	163.28	170.08	-0.27	2.57
UK Small Cos	128.47	133.82	+0.02	2.31
US Smllr Cos	46.08	47.99	+0.08	0.14

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	54.55	58.10	-0.36	2.94
Equity Trust	62.85	66.93	-0.58	2.01
Equity Strategy	74.22	79.04	-0.40	0.83
European Opps	87.81	93.52	-0.90	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	71.15	75.77	-0.43	0.91
Maximum Income	97.88	100.41	+0.03	4.88
Japanese	81.31	86.59	+0.43	0.01
Asia Pacific	147.11	156.67	-3.92	0.47
American	111.37	118.61	-1.06	0.16

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	29.91	29.91	+0.02	4.861
UK General Inc	55.78	59.50	+0.06	2.14
Intl Income	299.00	319.00	-3.10	2.66
European	77.97	82.51†	-0.01	1.20
Japan	73.53	78.06	+0.32	0.01
American	70.24	74.63	-0.52	1.73
Far East	104.80	111.85	-1.94	0.45
Ethical Inc	33.98	36.34†	-0.07	1.48
UK Blue Chip Inc	34.66	37.06†	-0.02	2.30
High Inc Inc	40.12	42.79	-0.07	3.04
UK Global Inc	42.92	45.88†	-0.30	1.09
Wwide Tact	83.14	88.92	-0.86	0.15
Europd 2000 Tact	55.34	58.74	+0.02	0.90
Technology	108.66	115.90	-0.25	0.23

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	402.90	430.60	+0.70	2.39
American	285.00	302.50	-1.70	0.50
Pacific	437.00	467.40	-6.80	0.43
European	544.70	582.60	+2.00	0.83
Worldwide	99.86	106.80	-0.80	0.67

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	291.00	309.60†	-0.20	1.01
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	225.20	239.60†	-0.40	1.31
Select Opptnty Inc	74.95	80.17	+0.09	1.64
Income Plus Inc	77.99	82.97	-0.13	2.70
European Inc	355.70	378.50	+0.40	0.99
Far Eastern Inc	196.10	208.70	-5.60	0.56
Japanese Inc	67.34	71.64	+0.22	...
Nth American Inc	263.90	280.80	-1.60	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	220.30	234.40†	-1.70	[illegible]
Wwide Venture Inc	85.39	90.85	-0.58	1.15

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2340

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Growth Inc	25.60	27.40	...	[illegible]
Intl Growth Inc	33.17	35.50	-0.22	[illegible]
Market Leaders Inc	24.36	25.97	+0.07	2.51

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 655 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	397.40	423.80	-3.70	[illegible]
UK High Inc	208.40	222.20	+0.90	[illegible]
Europe Inc	347.90	371.10	-3.90	[illegible]
Nth Amer Inc	228.70	243.90	-1.40	...
Global Inc	226.10	241.10	-2.10	0.64
UK Spec Sits Inc	113.80	121.40	-1.40	[illegible]
South East Asia	255.50	272.50	-9.20	[illegible]
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	...	[illegible]
UK Smllr Cos Inc	118.30	126.10	-0.60	[illegible]
Intl Bond Inc	101.20	107.50	...	[illegible]

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	181.00	190.10†	+0.20	[illegible]

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	127.20	133.90†	-0.10	[illegible]
Nth American	110.10	115.90†	-0.60	0.41
Intl Bond & Curr	139.20	146.50	-0.40	[illegible]
Pooled Pension (L)	198.90	212.80	...	...
Smaller Cos	77.92	82.02	-0.28	1.05
UK General	136.30	143.50	-2.50	1.50

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	446.04	474.51	+0.67	[illegible]
Global Inc	72.32	76.94	-0.07	[illegible]
Brit Leaders	350.45	372.82	-0.64	[illegible]
Intl Leaders	215.27	229.01	-0.06	[illegible]
PAM Mg Bal Grth	69.27	71.97	-0.47	[illegible]

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	121.70	...	-0.50	...
Global Bond ‡	107.00	...	+0.10	6.97
Samurai ‡	95.99	...	+1.74	...
UK Growth ‡	120.10	...	-0.30	3.30
Tai Pan ‡	117.10	...	-1.70	...

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	312.20	330.40	-1.80	0.36
Canadian	85.91	90.90	-0.22	0.15
Capital	143.80	154.20†	-1.10	0.87
Cash	101.63	101.63	+0.01	4.67
European	137.10	146.00	-1.70	0.20
Far Eastern	190.30	201.30	-0.40	...
Growth	157.90	167.10†	-1.00	0.71
Income	140.80	149.00	-1.20	4.10
Magnum	154.20	165.40	-1.20	0.64
Smllr Secs	405.60	429.20	-3.00	0.33
Thoroughbred	178.30	191.40†	-1.30	0.70

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.08	50.58	+0.01	4.14
Cntrlld Prfrmnce	62.24	66.38†	-0.05	7.10
Ethical	63.29	67.33	-0.25	2.90
European Growth	74.23	79.18	+0.23	2.10
Income	60.87	64.92	-0.03	5.10
Intl Growth	101.50	108.20	...	2.40
Managed	84.95	90.61	+0.13	3.00
UK Growth	66.38	70.81†	+0.11	3.30

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	53.42	56.76	-0.40	[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	77.74	82.60	-0.40	0.96
-do- High Inc Inc	41.48	44.08	-0.60	2.73
-do- High Inc Acc	49.80	52.92	-0.70	2.73
UK Equity Gen Acc	65.34	69.43	-0.60	1.74
UK Equity Gen Inc	49.25	52.33	-0.50	1.74
UK Lrgr Co Acc	453.30	491.90	-4.50	3.03
UK Lrgr Co Inc	343.90	373.20	-3.40	3.03
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.35	36.22	...	5.80
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	323.80	351.40	-1.00	1.15
Nth American Acc	46.86	49.53	-0.10	0.54
Far East Acc	73.62	78.44	...	0.04
European Acc	50.92	54.11	-0.60	0.49

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7900

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZ$)	4.019	4.268	...	[illegible]
US Eqts (US$)	2.374	2.520	...	0.63
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.40	266.00	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	256.00	270.80	...	...
FT Europe	133.90	142.20	...	1.70
FT N Amer (US$)	1.789	1.897	...	1.17
FT Japan (yen)	241.00	256.00	...	...
FT Asia Ex/Jap (US$)	2.784	2.957	...	0.64

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	387.10	413.50	-1.30	0.06
British	1139.2	1205.3	+0.40	3.02
Emging Mkts	181.60	194.80	-4.00	0.22
European	522.30	556.20	-3.10	1.00
Japan	166.30	176.40	+2.30	...
New Pacific	431.30	461.70	-16.50	0.68
Investment Tst	244.00	258.60	-1.90	0.94
Mngd Equity	189.00	200.00	...	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.82	95.82†	+0.03	4.64
Majority Stg	99.88	100.88†	...	4.33

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	885.20	940.70†	+9.40	2.59
North America	136.00	145.50†	-0.70	0.39
Far East	169.40	181.20†	-0.50	...
Wwide Bond	63.18	67.07	+0.02	5.09
European	105.70	113.00	+0.40	...
Equity Income	101.10	108.10	+0.20	[illegible]
Portfolio	92.45	98.88	-0.08	0.53
UK Leading Cos	62.22	66.19	+0.25	2.59
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	74.37	79.54	-0.39	...

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
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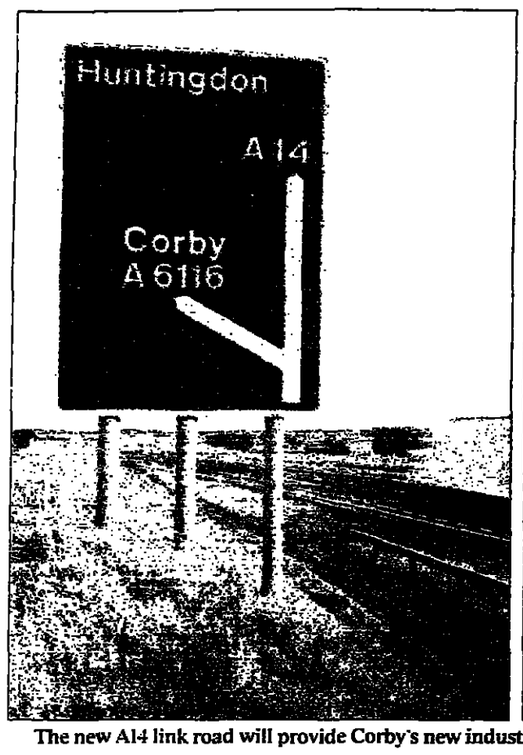
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David Young begins a special report by analysing the economic transformation of Northamptonshire's former steel-making town

Nerves of steel put town on the map





WILLIAM SHAW

The new A14 link road will provide Corby's new industries, like British Steel's cold-formed mill, with a route to success, via the A1 and M1 and east coast ports to Europe

Today, something produced in or supplied from Corby will be of use to just about everyone in Britain and many in Europe. Your breakfast cereal, your lunchtime snack, the toiletries and cosmetics you use, your kitchenware, the supermarket check-out equipment that totals your bills, the food packing used in the supermarket, the components being used on the building site or in the factory: the chances are they will have come from Corby.

Yet 14 years ago, Corby was a one-industry town, while 70 years ago it was only a tiny village with just over 100 inhabitants.

Since steel-making ended, Corby has become home to what is probably the most diversified business community in Britain. Traditional metal-bashers work comfortably alongside high-tech companies; plastic bath toys are made alongside million-pound luxury motor-yachts.

The result is that other towns and areas from all over the world which are facing the decline of traditional industries have delegations beating a path towards Corby to seek advice from the town which has achieved an economic miracle in just over a decade.

Reducing an unemployment rate of more than 40 per cent to 8.5 per cent (still too high for the ambitions of the local council even although it is below the national average), is an achievement which has won praise from all shades of the political spectrum.

The next boost to Corby's commercial life will be the (A14) link road between the A1 and the M1, its fast track to Britain's north-south arteries and east coast ports serving Europe. The importance of this development, due for completion later this year, cannot be overstated, particularly to distribution-based companies in the town.

Ray Telfer, a former steel worker and the mayor of Corby — an office only recently introduced with the granting of borough status to Corby — says there is no secret to Corby's success. What has been done has been achieved by hard work and dedication to the simple idea that the people of the town deserve jobs and it is the council's duty to do everything possible it can to achieve that. Any barriers to industrial and commercial investment are immediately dismantled.

There is more than one company now thriving on Corby's industrial estates that had selected a site for new investment in another area, but was irritated by local controls which prevented it doing business in the way that it wanted.

One leading employer had planned to build a depot in another new town, but was told that it would have to colour its warehouse roof to match neighbouring companies. In Corby, it was allowed to use its corporate colour scheme without argument: that simple matter swayed the investment decision.

Mr Telfer says: "If a company wants to come to Corby, we will make sure that everything that can be done to attract them is done. We have the industrial and commercial sites available and we have the people here who can help make any new business a success. We make sure that no one offers a better package for investors than we do."



Ray Telfer, steel worker-turned-mayor

RS Components, Europe's leading distributor of equipment and parts for the electronics, electrical and manufacturing industries, is now the town's largest employer. Richard Brown, the personnel director, says: "Corby has been an excellent choice of location. The area is well-placed for a company involved in high-speed national distribution. We have also been very pleased with the quality of employee we are able to recruit, and the supportive attitude of the Commission for the New Towns and Corby Council has been particularly beneficial."

The view that Corby can offer a skilled and enthusiastic workforce is echoed by Dr Jack Uram, president of the American company Certech Inc, of New Jersey, manufacturers of injection-moulded ceramic parts for the aircraft and turbine industries, which set up a plant in Corby in 1985 and which has since doubled its production facility. He says: "Our workforce at Corby has destroyed any myth about the work ethic of British factory workers since the productivity at Corby is equal to or better than our US factory."

Curver Consumer Products moved to Corby in 1985. "The Corby plant is one of the most advanced of its type in the world, employing the latest mechanised production techniques," says John Cooper, the managing director. "However, without the right calibre of employee to operate the machines, to pack and dispatch our products, the company could not have grown to be as successful as it is now."

Although no direct Government assistance is now available for companies moving to Corby, the Corby Industrial Development Centre (CIDC), part of the borough council, makes sure that potential investors are shown the red carpet rather than being met with red tape. It helps companies find suitable sites and helps in negotiations with the private sector and the Department of Trade and Industry to make sure that every available service for new companies is offered.

What makes Corby such an attractive area for new investors is its location and the wide range of sites it has which can accommodate industry of any size. Modern accommodation is also available at rental rates which few other areas can equal.

John Hill, Corby's director of industry, says: "What Corby has to offer is the will to make things happen. We have the sites here for new industries. We have the factories and offices available for companies to relocate to and we have a flexible and highly skilled workforce available.

"We also have the infrastructure and the connections with the major road network which make Corby the ideal place from which to serve any market in Britain or Europe.

"The CIDC has built up an unrivalled knowledge. We know where and how to get things done and can help in dealing with local government, central government and with the EC in Brussels. We can help in setting up plant and offices, in recruiting and training, in maintaining materials and in cash flow.

"We can provide sales and marketing help and because of the wide range of companies in the town it is likely that we have already dealt with any problems that a new company is likely to face.

"The fact is that we have been told by the council to get on with the job of attracting business to Corby and we can do that by eliminating any bottlenecks and getting the right advice for new companies as quickly as possible."

Cold comfort for job losses

Steel may no longer be made in Corby, but British Steel is still among the town's largest employers and is still a substantial investor in the local community.

British Steel's continuing commitment to Corby has helped to attract many new industries. People in the remaining British Steel operations are important users of local transport and other services and its support for education and training initiatives has helped add to the pool of highly-skilled labour that Corby can draw on.

When steel making in the town ended, British Steel Industry, a subsidiary set up to help attract new jobs to former steel areas, provided support and sites for many new businesses. However, the company itself retained its faith in the town and in the workforce, who for years had been converting the raw steel produced in the giant furnaces into the tubular products for the oil and gas, construction, engineering and agricultural industries.

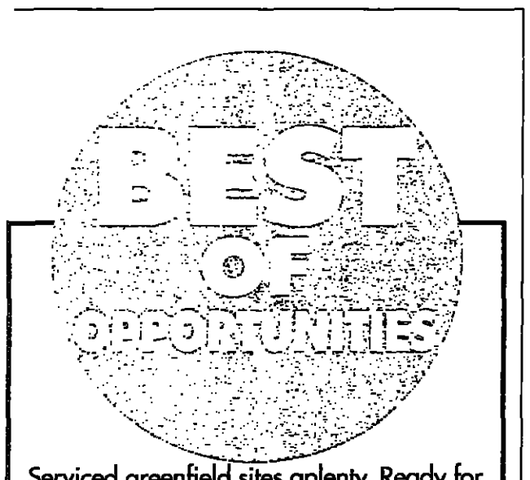
Corby is still a British Steel town, and still faces lay-offs

Today, British Steel runs its tubes and pipes business from Corby. The town's works is western Europe's largest welded tube manufacturing site. More than £16 million has been invested in new plant over the past two years and just over half of its annual production is being exported. Continued investment in new technology, such as the contruction of two cold-formed mills, has kept Corby at the forefront in this sector of the industry.

A new cold-formed mill nearing completion will be operated in conjunction with two hot-formed mills and another cold-formed mill for smaller section tubes. The combination will give Corby a competitive edge since it will mean that British Steel is the only welded tube manufacturer in Britain which can offer a complementary range of products.

The disadvantage is that cold-formed mills require fewer staff: discussions about redundancies among the 1,600 workforce are taking place. In Corby, redundancies by British Steel are an emotive issue. British Steel is hoping to complete this process as painlessly as possible and any men losing their jobs will at least be going on to a local labour market which has jobs to offer, in sharp contrast to events in 1980 when 13,000 workers went on to the labour market in an area with hardly any new industry.

Richard Heckels, managing director of British Steel Tubes and Pipes, said: "Corby has always been known for the quality of its products and the qualities of its workers. We are seeing signs of an upturn on the home market, but competitive pressures remain intense. If we can make progress in achieving our main objectives, we will end 1994 in a much stronger position than we started it."



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The town's power station, officially handed over today by the contractors, is capable of feeding into the National Grid 350 megawatts of power, which is produced in an environmentally friendly way.

Built on 16 acres of once derelict steel-works land on the northern edge of the town, the project is one of the first independent power stations in Britain. It is also among the first to use combined-cycle gas turbine (CCGT) technology to generate power in two gas turbines from natural gas, and utilises their waste heat in a third steam turbine to add to the station's output.

The project, brought to completion in just over two years, is a joint venture between East Midlands Electricity, Hawker Siddeley Power, part of the BTR group, and the Electricity Supply Board of Ireland (ESB), whose international consultancy business will manage the station.

Apart from the two exhaust stacks for the gas turbines, there has been no environmental damage caused by the new station. The turbines have had to be built higher than would normally be the case because the prevailing wind current is interrupted by another large building on the industrial estate.

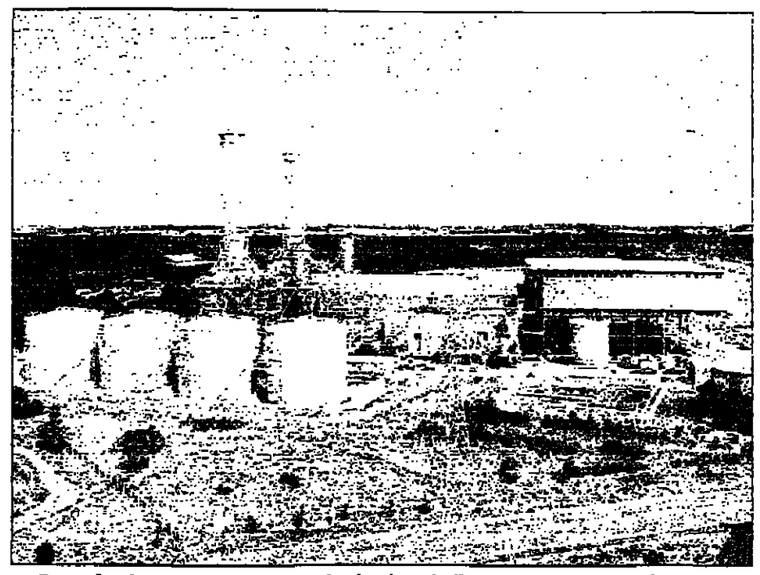
The site had previously been thought unusable because it contained large amounts of toxic waste from the former steel works. It was cleared using technology developed by East Midlands Electricity. The same techniques have now been used to clear an adjoining site of tonnes of highly toxic waste so that it can be used as the site for the Corby Indycar race-track, which has recently been given outline planning permission.

Without the site-clearing techniques developed at the power station site, it is likely that a large tract of adjoining land would never have been able to be used commercially.

Martin Read, generation manager of East Midlands Electricity, says: "We were able to get this project off the ground and bring it to fruition so quickly because of the strong links we already had with the local industrial centre. They gave us as much help and advice as possible and made sure that there were no unnecessary obstacles in our way. They drove a hard bargain, but the project has made good economic sense because of this enthusiasm from the local authority."

The operators of the station have also found that there have been benefits in coming to Corby. Although the construction phase provided several hundred jobs, the operation of the power station will require a total of only 38 full-time staff. The station is capable of being fully operational under the control of only four staff.

John Walker, the station's general manager, says: "We have found the local people we recruited excellent. They have been highly adaptable and willing to learn. They have come into this project with completely open minds and have proved to be extremely competent."



Power for change: Corby power station has been built with regard to the environment

In close range of many of the big cities, Corby is a logical centre for industry



Shoppers at Corby market: many food manufacturers have discovered the town is the ideal place for locating their plants

Town nourished by food and drink makers

Less than an hour's drive from Corby are the rich cereal fields of East Anglia and the dark soil of Lincolnshire, where much of the nation's potato crop is grown.

The two main centres of population, London and the West Midlands, are also little more than an hour away. Even the large centres of the North East and the North West are comfortably within range of most delivery vehicles in less than a day. For these reasons, Corby has emerged as a centre for the food industry.

Weetabix, one of Britain's largest breakfast cereal producers, has one of its two main plants in the town. Golden Wonder is another of the area's largest companies. The industrial estates are dotted with companies producing other goods for the food industry such as packaging, sandwich-cutting machines and a wide range of salads and snack foods.

John Hill, Corby's director of industry, says: "We didn't set out to be a centre for any particular industry, but the food industry has found the communications in Corby ideal."

In fact, the range of companies in the food industry operating within Corby would fill a typical supermarket check-out list — and the machines which tot up the bills are even made in the town.

Among the largest investments made in Britain by the food industry in recent years is the £20 million that ABR Foods, part of the Weston Group, has just made in Corby. The company, part of Associated British Foods, has a large flour mill in the town and also produces a range of wheat derivatives for the food industry and starches for the brewing business. Its latest £20 million investment has gone into a plant which will annually process 50,000 tonnes of wheat into fully refined glucose syrups. This is in addition to the 120,000 tonnes annually that existing plants process.

The new glucose plant will provide a range of products for all sectors of the food and drinks industry and, by replacing products which at present have either to be imported or produced in Britain from imported maize, will make a substantial contribution to the UK balance of payments.

Typical of the smaller companies which serve the food and drink industry is Premier Python Products. It moved to Corby in the mid-1980s and is the world leader in producing "pythons", the bundles of food-grade plastic tubing used to pump beers around breweries and from the barrel to the bar-room tap. Premier pythons are also used in the soft drinks industry and the biggest soft drink makers in the world specify them for use in their dispensing equipment.

All the leading hamburger chains worldwide use Premier pythons in their drink dispensing equipment and, with 60 per cent of their output being exported, Python is a winner of the Corby Enterprise Scheme award for the best small business.

At the Lillehammer Winter Olympics every drink served will have passed through Corby-produced pythons.

Howard Whitham, the Python sales director, said that when Python wanted to come to Corby it was not the men from the ministry of silly walks that were called in but the men from the Department of Trade and Industry.

"The local industrial development centre and the DTI advisers from their East Midlands office in Nottingham gave us considerable help," he says. "It was Corby's communications and closeness to all our markets and the help that we got from the local authority that convinced us to come here. We have made the right choice and have steadily increased our output."

A recent addition to the Corby food industry community and another whose experience typifies the type of help such companies can receive locally is Snack Partners, a joint venture by the British marketing company Andutra and the German company Wolf Intersnack.

In Corby the company is now producing Pom Bear, a teddy bear-shaped snack aimed at the supermarket trade. Mike Hajo, general manager of Snack Partners, says: "Corby was chosen as the location for our operation because it is well positioned to serve all the major supermarket chains.

"We were also very impressed by the service and advice offered by the Corby Industrial Development Centre. We are certain that we can rely on that co-operation in the future."

Made up and sent on the double

The central location makes Corby ideal for fast and efficient service

Corby's central location and its quick access to the main arteries of the national road network are among the main reasons for the success of two of the town's largest companies. Each supplies very different markets, but both have built their reputations on fast, efficient service to customers.

RS Components is one of Corby's recent success stories, while Avon Cosmetics demonstrates that the advantages of Corby, spotted in the 1970s, have contributed to its long-term success.

Employing 800 staff when it first moved its operations from London to Corby, RS Components has since expanded to occupy a 37-acre site, where more than 2,000 staff are employed. It has just completed a further expansion phase with a £20 million investment in warehousing capacity and distribution technology.

The company, which started up in the 1930s to provide radio spares, has since developed into Europe's leading supplier of electronic, electrical and construction components and can meet the needs of most manufacturing businesses with an overnight delivery service from Corby. More urgent orders can be supplied over the counter from its network of customer service centres or by courier from Corby.

RS Components is now an integral part of the fabric of the town. It is also a major user of the skills and services of other companies in the area.

Among them is Blaze Advertising and Marketing, itself a company which started up in Corby with the help of the local industrial development centre and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Blaze is now a main supplier of these marketing support services throughout Europe, with RS Components as one of its main customers, using its team of creative people at Corby.



Creative design: Blaze Marketing

Avon Cosmetics first called on Corby 20 years ago when the steel industry was still in operation. It correctly calculated that there would be a good supply of women workers with the dextrous skills needed to pack the orders sent in by the network of 160,000 "Avon ladies" who sell the company's cosmetic and giftware products to their neighbours, friends and work colleagues.

The company also saw then, when the road network was far short of its present size, that Corby could offer quick delivery times to its network. Because it supplies small-sized orders to people's homes, Avon has to use a system of smaller vehicles operating from local distribution centres rather than large lorries. Since then, the Corby distribution centre — which is supplied with products from Avon's distribution centre and from its manufacturing plants at Northampton and on the Continent — has been constantly upgraded and expanded.

The company has just opened a £4.5 million, 80,000 sq ft computerised warehouse alongside its existing buildings and has built a massive customer service centre at Corby.

Mike Gudgin, who runs the Corby operation for Avon, says: "What is exciting about Corby is that everyone has a positive attitude. Things get done and the local industrial centre is a constant source of help and advice. The workforce is also excellent."

Corby mettle: British Steel.

British Steel is at the very heart of Corby. It's steel that really put Corby on the map. Today, British Steel's welded tubes business there is the largest and most technically advanced of its kind in Western Europe. And with 1500 employees, the Company is the town's oldest and second largest employer. Over the last two years alone British Steel has invested £16 million in new plant at its Corby Works, putting the Company in the vanguard of manufacturing investment in the town.

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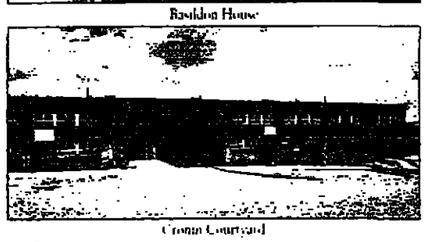
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A wealth of history: Rockingham Castle was a base for royal hunting parties

For the Norman and the Plantagenet kings, Corby did not mean work: it meant play. They built their hunting lodges in the 200-square-mile Rockingham Forest — which once dominated the area — from the warm golden ironstone which led to the town's prosperity for three decades of this century. They also chopped off the hands of those peasants who interfered with their sport.

Much of the ancient woodland remains and the fine houses and churches attract many visitors. When potential investors arrive in Corby, the local council plays its trump card by making sure that the route to any potential industrial site takes a slight detour through some of the sleepy villages which circle the town. As more than one chief executive who has moved a business to the area admits, it is the amenities in the area which have swayed the investment decision.

Corby Borough Council appreciates the asset it has on its doorstep and for that reason it is one of the six public sector organisations — the others are Northamptonshire County Council, the East Midlands Tourist Board, the Countryside Commission, the Rural Development Commission and East Northamptonshire District Council — which have funded the formation of the Rockingham Forest Trust.

The Trust combines private, voluntary and public interests to conserve and enhance the environment. It also acts as a catalyst to develop appropriate recreational facilities within the area and supports smaller businesses which can ideally be situated in the rural areas away from the main industrial estates.

> "The people are extremely proud of the woodland"

Several of Corby's largest companies have already contributed to become Guardians of Rockingham Forest, giving finance as well as practical help to the Trust.

Helen Doe, the director of the Trust, says: "Our launch exemplifies the benefits of working with all sectors of the community. We develop partnerships in particular projects with a range of existing organisations.

"The people of Corby are extremely proud of the ancient woodland which surrounds them and which actually spreads into the town centre. They are very protective towards it and realise that it is an important amenity which can help attract new investments to the area.

"We have spent several months identifying what already exists within the Rockingham Forest area in terms of the products and organisations involved with the Trust's responsibilities. These cover employment, conservation, education, forestry, agriculture, tourism and recreation. We are now developing a clear picture of the needs of this exquisite part of Northamptonshire."

The funding from companies in Corby, such as RS Components and British Steel, has enabled the Trust to start work on a project for developing distance working in the forest area. Distance working will use new computer technologies and computer links to enable people to work for businesses in any part of Britain from premises in the forest area.

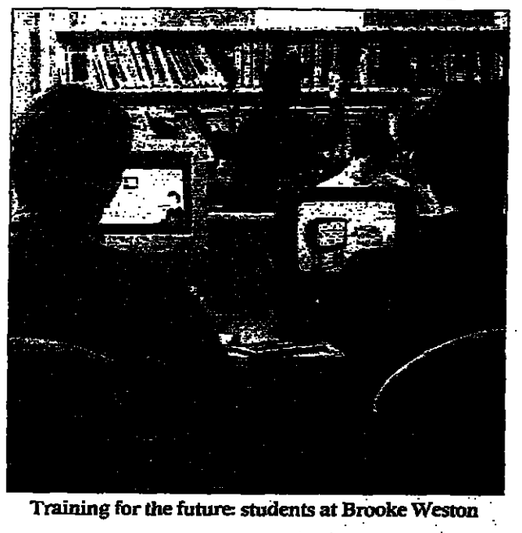
The Trust sees this as a valuable and underdeveloped employment opportunity and it will be particularly useful in harnessing the skills of women and the disabled who wish to return to work. It will provide a real alternative to the need to travel outside villages for work and will have a knock-on effect in helping support local facilities such as village shops and post offices.

Ms Doe says: "The challenges today are to keep the attractive areas, improve the less attractive features and to tackle the underlying economic difficulties which are being caused by the agricultural change and the recession — all without rushing to solutions which will cause more damage in the long run.

"The Trust itself is a very wide-ranging partnership. Close co-operation is an important element of the countryside since many things are dependent on others. It means that whatever we do, we seek to work with other organisations to gain the maximum benefit for the Rockingham Forest. This often involves us in the role of broker, and it can be as simple as introducing two parties to each other to achieve a common aim of setting up a consortium for a specific project."

The City Technology College is developing the skills of a new generation

Learning for a community



Training for the future: students at Brooke Weston

Vital to Corby's success has been its ready supply of highly-skilled, well-trained and adaptable labour. Initially, it had a surplus but soon after its remarkable industrial rejuvenation began, Corby started to experience skill shortages.

Now, the local network of secondary schools — Corby school children leave with a higher percentage of qualifications than the national average — and the local technical college, the Tresham Institute, make sure that the necessary skills are available.

In the coming years, Corby will be able to draw on a fresh source of well-educated and well-motivated young people — the students from its City Technology College, the Brooke Weston CTC.

The CTC is a tangible example of the links between education and local industry. Its industrial sponsors include two of the town's largest businesses, RS Components and ABR Foods, part of the Weston group. It has also had funding from the East Midlands Electricity Board and several smaller local companies.

Supplied with standard industry equipment in its laboratories and workshops and with Apple Macintosh work stations throughout its other departments, the school has achieved many of its aims in its first three years. Many students are successfully taking GCSE exams ahead of normal schedules and pupils are using the advanced facilities at the college to work alongside local industry.

In many cases, the technical and computer equipment they use is in advance of that at the disposal of local companies and already its video suite has been used by fifth and sixth-form students to make promotional video material to support local companies.

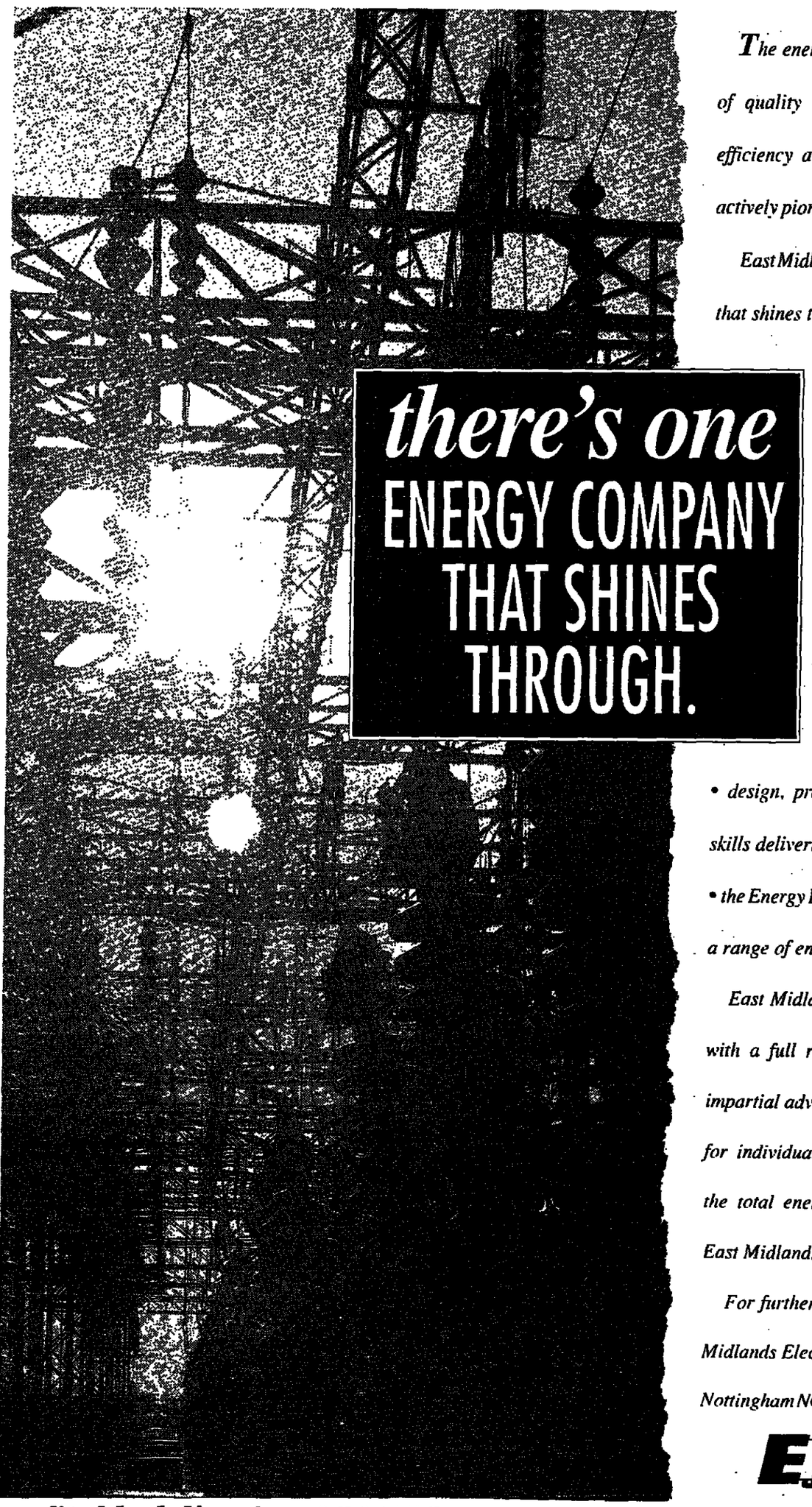
Strong links have been forged with colleges throughout Europe and America, in many cases using the live satellite link-up equipment that the students work with. A local radio station also produces part of its daily output directly from the college's studio.

The excellent indoor sports facility and the outside all-weather football, hockey and tennis pitches are available for use by all, and the state-of-the-art lecture hall has been used by many local groups and for industrialists to make presentations to customers.

Gareth Newman, the principal, says: "Any initial opposition to the CTC concept has disappeared and we work alongside the other educational establishments in the area. We have proved that the type of facilities we offer are attractive and the working pattern that we use has been welcomed by many families.

"The students and the other people who use the college respect the openness and the availability of the equipment and facilities we have. The college is open until six o'clock every afternoon for students to continue their work, and many make full use of this.

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Genius in a new dimension

The Tate Gallery's brilliantly illuminating survey reveals the true importance of Picasso's sculpture, writes Richard Cork





Picasso's paintings and sculpture can now be seen as closely related: *Head of a Woman (Fernande)*, 1909 (left); *Head and Shoulders of a Woman (Fernande)*, 1909

Why on earth did Picasso wait until he was 85 before revealing, in a Paris exhibition, the full and prodigious extent of his achievements as a sculptor? When that landmark survey was held at the Petit Palais in 1966, even the most informed of Picasso's aficionados were astounded by the extent and sheer inventiveness of his sculptural work. They must have felt puzzled by the artist's apparent refusal to show most of the exhibits before, and wondered at his willingness to let his reputation rest on painting and graphics alone.

Part of the answer lies in Picasso's reluctance to let the sculptures out of his sight. He liked having them around his home and studio, regarding them almost as talismans. Only on rare occasions would he ever agree to sell them, and all the evidence suggests that he regarded their presence as a necessary stimulant. Perhaps Picasso believed that sculpture fuelled his dynamism, forever throwing up new possibilities to be explored in any media he wished.

> "In sculpture he was able to retain a tighter degree of quality control"

Now that his painting and sculpture are being related more closely than before, in a brilliantly illuminating Tate Gallery survey, we can understand just how important this three-dimensional work really was. Pitched against even the finest of his images on canvas, the sculpture holds its own and sometimes looks still more impressive.

Because he produced it intermittently, and for several periods appeared to forget about sculpture altogether, we might be tempted to imagine that painting held a far more central place in his affections. But the truth is that Picasso's sculptural *oeuvre* contains less dross. As a painter, he over-produced and became wildly uneven in later years. As a sculptor, though, he was able to retain a tighter degree of quality control. He knew when to stop and rest, returning to it when he really felt capable of adding something new to the language of modern art.

As a result, this inveterate painter and draughtsman deserves to be ranked among the most outstanding and influential of all 20th-century sculptors. A precocious artist, he might have been expected to try carving and modelling as a very young man. But Picasso only came to sculpture slowly, and the earliest bronzes in this hypnotic exhibition carry no hint of his explosive imagination. *Woman Combing Her Hair* of 1906 is a dreamy work, overflowing with near-molten tenderness.

The show's perceptive selectors, John Golding and Elizabeth Cowling, have displayed it near a monumental painting from Prague where tougher, more austere priorities are asserted. Although produced in the same year as the bronze, this grand *Seated Nude with Crossed Legs* proves that Picasso wanted to escape from the sweetness of his previous work. She sits on her cubic box with irrefutable solidity, and next to her a painting of *Two Nudes* from New York reinforces his search for squat, heft substance. The women beckon us into the picture, lifting curtains as if to disclose a more mysterious and formidable world waiting beyond. And the uncompromising starkness of that vision is soon defined. In a full-length *Seated Nude* from St Petersburg, the figure is so brutally simplified that she appears to have been hewn from timber. It is easy to imagine her carpentered bulk in three dimensions.

Sure enough, the Tate show juxtaposes her with a carving so roughly cut that the woman scarcely emerges from the lump of wood. Indebted to Gauguin, who inaugurated with Degas the painter-sculptor tradition which Picasso inherited, this primordial presence is equally influenced by African carving. Since the Renaissance, classical inspiration had dominated European sculpture. But here, the subversive Spaniard announced his loyalty to heretical, non-Western sources. At the age of 27, Picasso was ready to navigate a momentous new direction for European art.

The frankly unfinished state of this dour sculpture, whose facial features have been impatiently summarised with red paint, proves that he had scant patience with the slowness of carving. Picasso always liked working swiftly, and he turned back to modelling for his most densely considered sculpture of this period. *Head of a Woman (Fernande)*, made in 1909, was enormously influential for a whole generation of avant-garde artists. But we know the sculpture primarily as a bronze, and many of the casts were produced long after its completion. Here, a plaster version brings us much closer to Picasso's intentions.

It turns out to be far more intimate and sensuous. The action of the sculptor's own fingers is vividly apparent, at once gouging the head and building up its elaborate layers of hair. It makes the bronze version look schematic and impersonal, and throughout the show original plasters always prove infinitely preferable to the subsequent metal casts. The nearer we approach to the freshness of Picasso's own manual engagement with his materials, the more enlivening the exhibition becomes.

With the advent of the Cubist constructions, we grow acutely aware of his deft manipulation. Sculpture which looks monumental in photographs sometimes turns out to be small enough to hold in your hand. *Bottle of Bass, Glass and Newspaper* is a tiny masterpiece, made in 1914 from a tin can which once contained dried milk. With the help of sand, wire and paper, Picasso transforms it into an object of surprising grandeur.

But the most impressive construction of all is far simpler in its use of materials: a sombre *Guitar* made from sheet metal with rudimentary tools. Pieces of wire stand in for strings, and Picasso makes no attempt to disguise them. Nor does he hide the fact that the guitar's sound-hole has been formed from a section of stovepipe. Even the most mundane of everyday utensils could be pressed into service, by an artist who shared Duchamp's fascination with the poetry unexpectedly inherent in banal, ready-made objects.

Unlike Duchamp, though, Picasso could never resist tampering with his raw material. He delighted in blurring the distinction between painting and sculpture by applying brightly coloured pigment to his metal constructions. The exuberant *Violin* of 1915 escapes entirely from the restraint of the earlier *Guitar*.

Picasso thrived on reacting against his previous work, and his subsequent career can be seen as a series of fruitful rebuttals. The angular spareness of Cubism is replaced by the swollen fecundity of his neo-classical work. And this contrasts with the projects for a monument to his old friend Apollinaire, where sculptural volume is entirely flouted in favour of line alone. Picasso relied on wire to make the initial versions of these astonishing sculptures in 1928. The later enlargements shown here, made of painted steel rods, look challenging enough. No wonder the project was rejected by the monument's committee, who then asked another sculptor to provide a far more conventional work.

Picasso's ambition to make a public sculpture was frustrated, but the early 1930s ushered in a period of wonderful sculptural fertility. Working with his fellow Spaniard Julio Gonzalez, he learnt how to produce welded and bolted iron sculpture with rigour, suppleness and poise. *Woman in a Garden* is the most flamboyant of these pieces, the tendrils of her hair curving into the air like the bent prongs of a fork.

At the same time, Picasso was modelling some formidable heads in his Boisegeloup studio. Inspired by the voluptuous Marie-Thérèse Walter, with whom he enjoyed an uninhibited relationship while his first marriage disintegrated, these commanding images with their phallic noses and tumescent cheeks are among his most satisfying sculpture.

But erotic fulfilment soon leads to a disturbing alternative. By the time he modelled the colossal *Woman with a Vase* in 1933, ripeness had become fused with injury. Her magnificently rounded head and torso contrast with an amputated left arm and withered legs. The mood which would culminate in *Guernica* is here announced, and during the Second World War Picasso responded to Hitler's occupation of Paris by concentrating on privation and death. The sculpture becomes still and erect, as if stunned by grief. His use of found objects may seem playful, especially when he transformed a bicycle's saddle and handlebars into a *Bull's Head*. But it is almost a skeletal image, a *memento mori* made by an artist who only recovered his former ebullience after the war.

Then his fascination with found material takes off, as he uses a brace of toy cars to stand in for a baboon's head and crowns *The Crane* with a tap-fitting. Picasso's virtuosity and cunning make anything seem possible in sculpture. He opened it out and comprehensively reinvented it for our era.

During his later years, he often used sheet iron as a surface to paint on. Tenderness, not an emotion popularly associated with the eruptive Picasso, prevails in many of these graceful, delicate and teasing works. When we enter the final room, his extreme old age is movingly evoked in tiny cardboard *maquettes* where sprightliness is tempered with fragility.

This is a triumphant and thoroughly invigorating show. It encourages us to look with unclouded eyes at even the most familiar of Picasso's works, setting a standard unlikely to be matched by other exhibitions this year, in Britain or anywhere else.

● Picasso: Sculptor/Painter, *sponsored by Ernst & Young, opens tomorrow and continues at the Tate (071-887 8000) until May 8. Richard Cork will be lecturing on "Meeting Picasso" at the Tate on Friday at 1pm.*

ART MARKET DIARY

Legal chaos

JUST as England is about to make sense of its laws on stolen art, the Department of Trade has been confusing the matter anew. At the moment, right of title stays with the original owner of a given object, irrespective of how many pairs of hands it has passed through. The only exception is the medieval law called market overt, and this will probably be abolished shortly. Now, however, the DT is considering legislation whereby the "innocent purchaser" of stolen goods gets title. As every purchaser will insist he was innocent, and every owner will insist on his rights, the upshot could be bedlam.

● THE discovery of a £1 million ancient Greek coin hoard should be sending ripples of anticipation through the art market. Minted in the reign of Ptolemy VI, 180 to 145 BC, the 4,000 coins were found by Israeli divers off Haifa. In fact, the news was greeted with groans in Bond Street, where coin experts curse the current treasure-hunting craze for its tendency to flood markets and destroy price levels. In the meantime, spare a thought for Ptolemy's troops garrisoned in the Levant. Today's treasure was intended to be their pay.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

Fairy-tale fight against racism

Heather Neill talks to Garry Lyons, whose new play draws on the rich mix of young British Asian culture



Garry Lyons: celebrating young British Asian culture

The next National Theatre first night will be in Brentford, Middlesex. *Wicked, Yaar!* is unusual for other reasons too, as its title, a combination of two street slang words, one of which is Punjabi, might suggest. "Yaar" means, roughly, man, mate or guy. This new play by Garry Lyons celebrates young British Asian culture at a time when racist crime is on the increase but there is also a natural counterbalance in the mixing of fashions in music, clothes and sport. West London, with its sizable Asian community, is an appropriate place to launch it.

Wicked, Yaar! has been a long time in the making. Between 1984 and 1988 Lyons was director of Theatre in the Mill, a studio theatre in Bradford. About the time he moved from there to the Alhambra in the same city, Nicholas Wright, literary manager at the National, David Aukin, then executive director at the NT, and Kevin Cahill, head of education at the time, asked him to write something for young people.

Around 20 per cent of the people of Bradford are, says Lyons, Asian, mostly Muslim and mainly from a rural area in Pakistani Punjab. He had tried putting on plays to draw them in, but audiences remained stubbornly white, middle-class and middle-aged. Now, given the impetus by the National, he began to think of a plot which would appeal to the young and acknowledge the growing British Asian influence on youth culture.

The result is a streetwise fairy-tale which includes a character already familiar to English pantomime audiences: the genie (or jinni). "It's a very old borrowing, but has been debased, via the *Arabian Nights* to the pantomime stage. When people are possessed they are possessed by jinn," says Lyons, and he tells of a girl beaten to death during an exorcism in Oldham. "It is a very serious thing, with a rich literature." There is, however, nothing solemn about the jinni, or ghul, in *Wicked, Yaar!*; played by Bhasker he has an infectious humour.

The ghul appears to Malik, a talented schoolboy cricketer, just after he has been attacked by three white teenage racists. He is tempted to abuse the sudden magical power both to solve financial problems and to improve his cricketing prowess. Gazza, his chief tormentor, steals the medallion in which the ghul is imprisoned and takes advantage of his obligation to serve its owner. The moral of the piece is clear: do not do what others demand or press you to do if you know it is wrong. Gazza is "a latter-day Alf Garnett". He is charismatic and intelligent as well as wrongheaded.

Racial confrontation is the central theme of the play: "It is a very urgent subject which I wanted to treat without rubbing people's noses in it." The fantasy-land of the jinn, with their power hierarchy and their pungent language, strong on colourful insult ("You festering lump of matted shagpile"), allows Lyons "to explore racism at a tangent. It takes the edge off the dour social realism with which racism is usually dealt with in the theatre."

Cricket is a useful metaphor to clarify racial rivalry, not only because of the notorious Tebbit "cricket test" (which is referred to in the play) but because of its history. Director John Turner describes it as "the Empire game which we took to the colonies and now they're beating us at it." Yorkshire's continued reluctance to field local Asian players arouses passionate feelings among young cricketers. The metaphor has to be expressed convincingly, however, and the cast have had net practice sessions at Lord's.

Pinned up on the rehearsal room walls there are articles about racism, cricket and music. Bhangra is essential to the telling of this story. Composers for the chart-topping Apache Indian, the West India Company (Stephen Luscombe and Pandit Dinesh), have come up with a score which will probably cause teenagers to leap out of their seats. Bhangra is a vibrant mix of Western pop, ragga and eastern traditional sound. Jack Murphy, the movement director, has given the cast a tough task: combining stylised Indian neck and hand movements with disciplined but energetic disco steps.

The cultural mix is there in the language, too. Lyons is most fascinated by the "cross-cultural fusion" he observes among the young. His storyteller is a black rap performer called Hunters who plays Bhangramuffin. He delivers the rhymed verse in the early scenes like a machinegun, but as the story takes on a potentially tragic tone, the verse flows into a more poetic style, blank verse even.

Lyons has certainly done his homework. There has been a long period of consultation in schools as well as immersion in the Koran, Islamic mythology and history. Nevertheless, he says, "I couldn't pretend to write an Asian play: this is a white response to the situation."

● *Wicked, Yaar! opens tonight at the Waterman's Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176)*

RECOMMENDED EXHIBITIONS

● **THE ETCHINGS OF RICHARD MÜLLER:** Müller (1874-1954) was the pupil of Max Klinger and the teacher of Georg Grosz and Otto Dix. As might be expected, his own work is pretty weird. The present show consists of the mysterious erotic prints in which nude ladies are offered gifts and missives by a menagerie of strange creatures, from cranes to scaly anteaters. **Wildenstein**, 147 New Bond Street, W1 (071-629 0602) Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm, until March 11.

● **HIMALAYAN AND JAPANESE ART:** Some collectors are show-offs, some so retiring as to be almost secretive. The late Hannes Schmitt and Marita Meade were of the latter kind. Their obsession with art from the Himalayas was known to a few dealers and a handful of other experts in the same relatively obscure field. But now, donated to the British Museum, their collection is exposed to the world in all its splendour. The exhibition includes wonderfully simple metalwork as well as garishly ornate; fine Buddhist paintings; touchingly basic Tibetan votive figures in clay. Also on offer are exquisite ceramics connected with the couple's secondary obsession, the Japanese tea ceremony. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555) Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2.30-5pm, until April 17.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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BAROQUE MASTERPIECES. The Orana Choir and English Baroque Orchestra under Leon Lovett perform works by Bach (Orchestral Suite No 3 in D and *Magnificat*), Handel (*Zadok the Priest* and *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*) and Vivaldi (*Beatus Vir*). With Adele Paxton, David Fieldsend, James Huw Jeffries and Giles Davies
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ENDGAME Peter Bourke and John Quentin play Hamm and Clov in a rare Beckett revival the original dustbin play
BAC Studio 2, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs

SPRING LOADED The annual festival of British independent dance opens today for its largest season ever. For the next 12 weeks new works will be presented by 40 companies — small well-known, others making their debut — starting with Small Axe
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM The Finnish conductor Paavo Berglund directs the **CBSO** tonight and Thursday in a programme of Ravel's lighthearted *Suite, Mother Goose*, Dvořák's Cello Concerto, and Sibelius's Symphony No 5. With cellist Torleif Thedeen
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). 7.30pm

GLASGOW A new production of Britten's concise and effective treatment of Henry James's chilling mind-game *The Turn of the Screw* is presented by **Scottish Opera** but performed in the grimly atmospheric location of the Tramway. The acclaimed theatre director David Leveaux is responsible for the staging. Philip Salmon sings Peter Quint; Anne Williams-King, the Governess.
Tramway, Albert Drive (041-227 5511). Tonight and Thurs, 8pm

MANCHESTER In spite of their recent grant cut from the Arts Council, **The Kosh** continue to delight audiences with their unusual mix of acrobatics and dance theatre. *Klub Anima* is their latest offering, set in the world of cabaret and night clubs
Dancehouse, 10 Oxford Road (061-242 2555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

NOTTINGHAM A week of treasures from Opera North. François Rochaix's 1985 production of Verdi's **La Traviata** returns with Michal Shamir as Violetta, David Maxwell Anderson as Alfredo and Peter Sidhom, Germont père On Wed and Sat. Phyllida Lloyd's hugely revival of Chabrier's *L'Etoile* and on Fri Britten's coronation opera *Gloriana*
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0602 482626). Tonight, 7.15pm until Sat.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Study of Italian Old Master Drawings, Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection (071-636 1555) . **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) . **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World, The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) . **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) **Victoria & Albert**: Fabergé (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
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□ **AND WOMEN MUST WEEP** Four short plays by Schnitzler, set in a Viennese boarding-house, newly translated for this enterprising company
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tue-Sun, 8pm. Until Mar 13

□ **ANORAK OF FIRE** Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession stars James Holmes as the dedicated hero. Extended to March 31
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 6pm.

□ **APRIL IN PARIS** Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm

□ **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF** See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill, who brought us *The Invisible Man*.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats some Thurs, Sat 2pm

□ **GORMENGHAST** Another welcome return for the David Glass Ensemble and their strikingly staged version of the Mervyn Peake novel
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

□ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR** Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, Sun 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm.

◩ **EDDIE IZZARD** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19

□ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE.** Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm

■ **THE MADNESS OF ESME AND SHAZ** Opening night for a new play from Sarah Daniels. God sends a troublesome niece to disturb the retirement years of a woman who'd rather be learning the piano
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 5

□ **PIAF** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm

□ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER:** Revival of Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim, a snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor. James Saxon leads the almost unchanged cast. Recommended.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End starring Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ETHAN FROME: Over-polite version of Edith Wharton's grim novel of thwarted love, with Liam Neeson, Joan Allen and Patricia Arquette. John Madden directs.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

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◆ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS** (PG): Noisy, youthful and empty new version of Dumas's tale, with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen and Chris O'Donnell. Director, Stephen Herek.
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BODIES, REST & MOTION (15): A likable cast, but a hollow film about rootless lives. Michael Steinberg directs Bridget Fonda, Tim Roth, Eric Stoltz.
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◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Director, Chris Columbus.
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OPERA: A hard-nosed and provocative look at one of the century's most puzzling masterworks

New line on an old problem

Turandot
New Theatre, Cardiff

DONALD COOPER



First timers: Edmund Barham (Calaf) and Mary Jane Johnson (Turandot)

IT IS all too easy to make Welsh National Opera's new *Turandot* sound like every traditional-minded opera-goer's worst nightmare. Paul Steinberg's set is a mauve corrugated iron semi-circle. At the opening it is hung with nearly 100 mugshots of Turandot's dead victims, for all the world like a Department of Health TV warning about Aids. The chorus start off in costumes from the time of composition — fedoras for the men, fur coats for the women — and move on to white Mao-style overalls.

Calaf, in trenchcoat throughout, is made to look like a seedy heavy metal rock singer (wha's your World Cup theme-song the noo?). The three Masks are natty-suited civil servants, at one point tapping at their typewriters in time to the music. At her silent, dimly lit entry in the first act, Turandot appears to sport grey furs and a toque, though Queen Mary is not the most obvious visual reference for a royal personage who drives men into frenzies of amorous desire. For the riddle scene she favours a severely cut navy-blue suit like Lana Turner all set for a particularly testing day in court.

Well, anything is preferable to the unspeakable indignities heaped on the opera by Cecil Beaton for decades at Covent Garden and the Met. *Turandot* (1924) is of and about its time — at one level, surely, an artist's response to the senseless blood-letting of the First World War. A programme-book interview with the producer Christopher Alden indicates that he has thought hard and seriously about the work's mythic and fairy-tale qualities, as well as a more arguable political content: Mussolini is mentioned. I'm not sure that Alden's execution matches his thoughtful intentions: over-reliance on slow-motion and physical gesture whose meaning is impenetrable (much falling to the floor) mar the first act especially, and the ending is as much an anticlimax as Alfano's completion. But he who strives may yet be saved, and if in the end Alden's staging serves to increase admiration for Andrei Serban's classic *Turandot* at the Garden, he has at least taken a hard-nosed, provocative line with one of the century's most puzzling and unsettling operatic masterworks.

Musically this was among the best work that Carlo Rizzi has yet done with the company of which he is music director. The orchestral sound was as clear and analytical as Alden's production — emphasising the astonishing modernity of so much of the writing — yet thrillingly energetic and passionate. The singing of the chorus was overwhelming in its impact, and the principals, nearly all taking their parts for the first time, had prepared their roles with care and insight. Saturday's first night was far from being the traditional screaming match.

Mary Jane Johnson's soprano has gained in weight since her memorable *Fanciulla* for Opera North, and a new, slightly resinous quality did not come amiss in the title role. She moulded the phrases with welcome musicianship as well as hurling out a generous measure of top Cs, and she looked stunning.

Patricia Racette had both the ethereal high notes and the edge for Liù in a hugely winning impersonation. If not in quite his strongest voice as Calaf, Edmund Barham nevertheless delivered a stentorian "Nessun dorma", and smouldered effectively. There were first-rate Masks (David Barrell, Mark Cartwright, Anthony Mee) and a promising company debut from the young bass Anthony Stuart Lloyd as Timur.

An absorbing, worthwhile evening, then, certainly for those who believe that *Turandot* should look like something more than a fit-up tour of *Aladdin*.

RODNEY MILNES

CONCERTS: The welcome return of James Levine, and (right) premieres aplenty from the London Sinfonietta

A creative partnership

Philharmonia/Levine
Festival Hall

A ROAR of welcoming applause rose from the Festival Hall on Sunday to greet two long-lost musicians: the pianist Murray Perahia, who has been absent from the concert platform for some 18 months on account of a dislocated thumb, and the American conductor James Levine, who has not worked with a British orchestra for 15 years.

In both cases, it was well worth the wait. Perahia's return was made with Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4; and, from its opening notes, that sense of blithe grace, co-existing with strength and breadth and so characteristic of Perahia's Beethoven began to shape the work. With Levine as sensitive an orchestral accompanist as he is himself at the keyboard, the Philharmonia were properly creative partners.

Already in the first movement cadenza, Perahia's fingers set up a dialogue between that sense of inwardness and the external life of action which is so special in this concerto. It finds its focus in the slow movement: for Claudio Arrau, this was Orpheus struggling with the powers of the Underworld. The piano's isolated lyrical phrases plead four times for the return of Eurydice, each time more intensely, more desperately. Eventually the orchestral furies are tamed — for the time being, anyway. For Perahia there was little confrontation. Rather the piano's serenity made it seem self-contained, assured of its own identity. The perfection of phrasing, to say nothing of the mighty strength of its last, long trill, transported it to another element, at least one world apart.

The finale's timorous orchestral awakening to this new world gave some indication of the care and deep seriousness with which Levine in this, the first of three concerts with the Philharmonia, would treat the Beethoven symphony.

This "Eroica" was the sort of performance one wanted to wrap up and keep forever, while being aware that its special value lay precisely in its transience. Short, sprung chords, a vast variety of accents, some of them tense, some of them stinging, and an ear for the dancing of the woodwind under the robust right angles of the strings made the first movement powerful without being portentous. Nothing ever happened by accident. In the Funeral March, heavy-weighted bass chords sought the power of gravity: suspended melody would hang as long as possible in the air above its accompaniment.

In the finale, Levine displayed the opening, far-flung pizzicato notes as if they were individual bright colours from which the movement itself would be painted. His final canvas was as compelling in its composition — and in his own responses to his materials — as the first. His next two concerts with the Philharmonia, focusing on Mahler tomorrow and on Berlioz on Saturday, are eagerly awaited.

HILARY FINCH

Generous helpings

LS/Knussen
Barbican

WITH two UK premieres each by the Dutch composer Robert Zuidam and the Argentinian Osvaldo Golijov, as well as the world premiere of *Living Toys* by Thomas Adès, the London Sinfonietta's Barbican programme under the Explorations 94 banner was already a generous measure. But room was found to pay tribute also to Witold Lutoslawski in a performance of a work he wrote for the Sinfonietta: *Chain I*.

With its masterly control of tension, achieved by the accumulating density of texture and rhythm, *Chain I* unfairly eclipsed much of what we had heard in the first part of the concert. Golijov's *Yiddish Ruakh* sets the incantatory "prayer" of a solo clarinet against a lullaby on piano, horns and strings. But the supplicatory swell of phrase after phrase soon palls, redeemed only by a frenzy of activity near the end (Michael Collins superb in the virtuoso clarinet part).

Robert Zuidam's *Octet* alternated effectively enough freewheeling jazzy phrases with more ascetic reminiscences of the windband tradition (notably Beethoven and Stravinsky), without really hitting the level of inspiration that lodges musical ideas firmly in the memory. More imaginative was Zuidam's *Calligramme (il pleut)*, heard after the interval, in which the soprano and mezzo voices of Rosemary Hardy and Mary King hocketed with stunning precision before combining with a rich sensuousness. Monteverdi meets African chant in this setting of a Surrealist poem by Apollinaire.

Opening the programme was Julian Anderson's *Tiramisù*: not the saccharine confection its name might imply but an impressively sustained study in cumulative energies ("Tiramisù" literally means "drag-me-up", according to the composer). Nona Liddell's able playing of the soloistic violin part began, unconventionally, even before the conductor had opened his score. Anderson's setting of Whitman's *Sea Drift* aims not to duplicate the poet's rhetorical flights. In that, it certainly succeeds, though whether its rather old-fashioned dislocated discourse is an apt vehicle for the verses is questionable.

The most eagerly awaited new score — the latest from the immensely gifted 22-year-old British composer, Thomas Adès — was placed last in the concert, and what an exhilarating finale it provided. The complex programme of *Living Toys*, depicting the dream-adventures of a child/hero, gives rise to a densely scored tapestry calling for individual and collective virtuosity at the highest level. But it takes more than time-signatures of 5/6 and "talking trumpet" techniques to faze the London Sinfonietta, who under Oliver Knussen gave a brilliant rendition of a richly evocative, astonishingly accomplished score.

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Long and winding role for the maid

CINEMA: Berlin's Film Festival is the usual mix of the commercial, the impenetrable and, in the case of Jacques Rivette's marathon portrayal of Joan of Arc, the important. **Geoff Brown** reports

Berlin, according to Wieland Speck, one of the event's organisers, is "the working film festival. It's rough, on the edge, strong, political and sexy," he told the local magazine *Checkpoint*. He missed out one other word: cold. Waiting at freezing point for the shuttle service, navigating pavements about to turn to ice, you begin to look forward to any film, however bleak, that will take you inside.

Even Aleksandr Sokurov's **Whispering Pages**. No film by this prolific director has achieved commercial distribution in Britain, but festival-goers know him of old: a Tarkovsky disciple who paints with a palette of grey, black and ochre. Lowlife characters inspired by the gloomier masters of 19th-century Russian literature emerge from and fade into a desolate city landscape of water, crumbling arches and swirling mist. Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder* weaves through the ambient noise of water drips, smashed bottles and occasional talk. It is the kind of precious exercise for which festivals like Berlin are tailor-made.

Berlin, however, is a broad church. *In the Name of the Father* and *Philadelphia*, Jonathan Demme's Aids drama, compete alongside the latest endeavours of Resnais, Kieślowski and Britain's Ken Loach. Sophia Loren is due to grace us with her presence; while Erich von Stroheim, profligate director of silent masterpieces and ace portrayer of nasty Huns, receives an extensive retrospective. Over at the International Forum of Young Films, home of the brave and experimental, you find the latest from Mongolia and the seven-and-a-half-hour *Satan's Tango*, Béla Tarr's apocalyptic vision of modern Hungary.

In the matter of length, Tarr even beats Jacques Rivette, acknowledged master of the egghead epic. Rivette's two-part **Jeanne la Pucelle**, shown in the Panorama section, is only five-and-a-half hours long. The faithful gathered for this painstaking attempt to strip Joan of Arc free of past myths, curious to see how the director of *La Belle Noiseuse* and his young star Sandrine Bonnaire coped with France's national treasure.

He needed, it is clear, a larger budget: we may hear about the 2,000 English forces disembarking at Calais, but we never see them. Thirty people in hand-to-hand combat is about the limit. But if the modesty of the crowds lessens the film's spectacle, there are compensations in Rivette's stress on ordinary behavioural details.

How do two armies on either side of the bridge communicate? With difficulty, by shouting. How does Jeanne learn to ride a horse, sign her name and generally comport herself? Certainly not with the glutinous reverence of Ingrid Bergman in the 1940s film *Joan of Arc*: during one interrogation a simple, crypto-feminist peasant girl even swings her legs, idly. The spaces that other film-makers would fill with pomp, circumstance and anguished close-ups Rivette fills with long, quiet takes and words: vigorous words drawn from contemporary testimonies, full of the complex politics of the time.

> The spaces that other film-makers would fill with anguished close-ups Rivette fills with words

Predictably, France has pounced on *Jeanne la Pucelle* as a new monument of European cinema. Others will be impressed by the film's lucidity and beauty, but may wonder what happened to the playful, individualistic director who once made *Céline and Julie Go Boating*.

The competition section has been slow to get going, though Cuban director Tomás Gutiérrez Alea received deserved applause for **Strawberry and Chocolate**, a pleasant, humorous plea for tolerance in a country that frowns on homosexuals. But heavyweight talents are now entering the ring. Yesterday offered the extraordinary spectacle of Alain Resnais, the maestro of *Marienbad*, tackling Alan Ayckbourn in a pair of films, *Smoking* and *No Smoking*, based on Ayckbourn's dramatic cycle *Intimate Exchanges*. More on this in a later report. Today is the turn of Krzysztof Kieślowski and **Three Colours: White**.

Far more approachable than the glacial *Blue*, this new instalment in the trilogy inspired by the ideas of the French Revolution casts a wry look at equality. Karol (Zbigniew Zamachowski), a Pole in Paris, is divorced by his French wife (Julie Delpy). Marooned without funds or possessions, he is ignominiously smuggled back to the new democratic Poland, where dollars can buy anything from a Burgundy coloured Volvo to a corpse for a fake funeral. Kieślowski charts his hero's topsy-turvy road to riches, freedom and revenge with black humour and the usual razor-sharp imagery. The master is right back on form, and probably heading for a major prize.

Erich von Stroheim deserves a posthumous prize all his own for his extravagant genius and for fighting the Hollywood machine. The festival may not have uncovered the lost reels of his masterpiece *Greed*, but there is entertainment enough in the surviving body of obsessive films such as *The Wedding March* and *Foolish Wives*.

The retrospective also embraces the acting talents of the man fondly dubbed "the man you love to hate". Monacle in place, a scar neatly etched on his right cheek, he is splendidly hissable in **The Heart of Humanity** from 1919, the uplifting tale of a lovely girl with bee-stung lips caring for the wounded in France. The high point comes when Stroheim is disturbed in ravishing the heroine by an orphan baby's screams. So what does he do? He hurls the brat out of the window.



Sandrine Bonnaire as Joan of Arc in the five-and-a-half-hour *Jeanne la Pucelle*, already acclaimed as a monument of French cinema

THEATRE: Gritty, witty realism; unbelievable black comedy on the fringe

Aimless, but right on target

Bad Company
Bush

CONTEMPORARY British plays are the speciality of Dominic Dromgoole's theatre, and if there is a speciality within that speciality it is the play where teenagers or twentysomethings mooch around, daydreaming of a better life and tentatively touching each other.

Sometimes they damage each other. There is no rape in Simon Bent's play, set in a Yorkshire resort, but the local hardcase wants to know who's been trying to date his sister while her boyfriend's away. We are never introduced to the sister, and although there is no reason for this omission when, after all, we meet eight of her friends and relatives, this deliberate blank contributes to the shifting, drifting mood that keeps clouding their high spirits.

Hardcase Nicky (Gary Sefton) breaks the arm of Billy, the only male in regular work, and probably the offender he's looking for. Billy sometimes asks about the girl's whereabouts, but in a dreamy, not quite focused way. In the course of the play it looks as if he's sussed out a method of escaping danger precisely by adopting dreaminess, pretending to be not fully attentive to what is going on.

When first set upon by Nicky he speaks disconcertedly about God, although he also favours abrupt headbanging when an opportunity arises. This is Bent's most interesting character, excellently played by Paul Wyett with a suggestion of a very young Peter Lorre.

DONALD COOPER



(From left) Suzanne Hitchmough, Nicolas Tennant, Kemal Sylvester and Nicola Sanderson as the bloodied, but unbowed, Northerners moving in *Bad Company*

The play was first staged at the National Theatre Studio, which has nurtured Bent for some years and where *Bad Company* was directed, as at the Bush, by Paul Miller. Bent's scenes typically end in the air — not literally so, even though Billy's friend Paul (Kemal Sylvester) claims to have mastered levitation. An exchange between eager boy and reluctant girl, or vice versa, ends with nothing yet resolved and the next scene replaces it. Miller manages this quick mosaic of incidents skilfully, on a bare set (design: Jane Barwell) painted dark blue except for a narrow band of yellow all the way round at shoulder height to suggest the encompassing dunes.

Talking of bare sets, the more discontented of the two girls (Nicola Sanderson) dismisses a play at the local theatre (Ayckbourn's?) with a memorable put-down: "Something about dead posh people without any scenery."

The out-of-work characters long resentfully to move south: Eastbourne is close to London, they fondly think, and there are palm trees in Torquay. Stuart Laing's Ian is studying at university and the others detect a change in him, yet the pull of a local friendship still holds him in its power. The situations would gain from a more concentrated analysis in the second half, some tough crisis before the drift resumes. But the play confirms the talent signalled by *Wasted*, Bent's last play, and the characters are full of life.

JEREMY KINGSTON

(Dis)integration

Bitter 'n' Twisted
Cockpit, NW8

THERE are stronger black playwrights than this. Michael Ellis deals with pertinent issues in *Bitter 'n' Twisted: The Ten Commandments of Black Love*, his supernatural comedy about a 1960s Jamaican couple who find themselves in post-feminist 1994 with two yuppified blacks in their old Brixton flat. He contrasts the role models and mores of first-generation immigrants with today's independent career woman and supposedly New Man. He touches on domestic violence and glances at homosexuality. Yet, if his farce ups the entertainment, it shallows out human drama into stereotypes and a superficial treatment of his themes.

Black Theatre Co-operative's production far from saves the day. Natasha, the sophisticated psychoanalyst, has a cuddly physicality that does not fit her hard-edged nature or power-dressing habits. Perhaps Llewella Gideon's posh English accent wavers to remind us that Natasha has black cultural roots she is trying to whitewash, but it sounds slack. Daniel (Anthony Ofoegbu), the wimpy New Man, is a comic contrast to Courtney (Wayne Buchannan), the muscle-bound unreconstructed man who lounges on the sofa with his armpits getting intimate with the upholstery.

Ofoegbu is not fooling anyone — overacting, choking on a baby corn — although Daniel is a recognisable cliché with his clever-boy glasses and Oxbridge enunciation. It is a shame his lines are so laced with pedantry as to be simply unbelievable.

The depiction of the Jamaican couple is more relaxed and funny. Buchannan manages to play the chauvinist of all time yet retains some lovability. His malapropisms can be amusing but, if you are not tuned into his rich accent, you cannot make them out. Angela Wynter's Bibby has real three-dimensional solidity: shy, softly coy, or positively corrosive.

However, Ellis has scarcely reworked his topics of debate into the weave of real-life conversations. The fantastical side of the story — time-travelling spooks and a God voice-over — is utilitarian. The finale, wherein Daniel is coshed with a bamboo crucifix and reels out the ironic commandments of black love, is a mess. The set (half-living room, half-church) is in a creative pickle and Joan-Ann Maynard's direction is crummy. The BTC could surely do better. The Cockpit scores direct hits every so often, but it is wide off the mark with this.

KATE BASSETT

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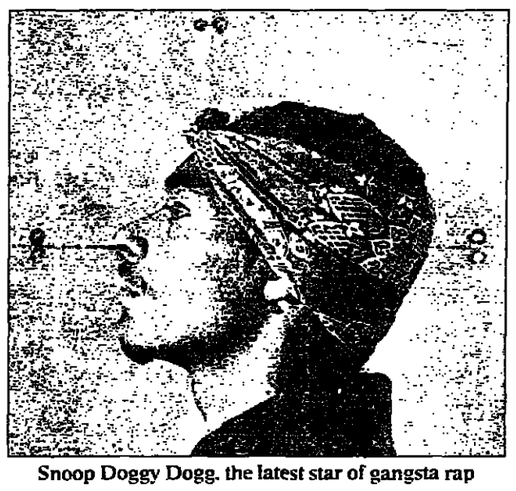
Wicked and crucial

THE consensus was that no one had seen so many police in one place since the Brixton riots. It was inevitable that the British debut of America's freshest gangsta rap superstar would cause such a stir. First, because **Snoop Doggy Dogg** (not his real name, apparently) is a lyrical rapper with a light touch and a wicked wit. Secondly, and most significantly, he was in Britain on a $1 million bail bond, having been charged in connection with a shooting in California.

Heightened by this second-hand sense of danger, the exhilaratingly shambolic concert at the Equinox, Leicester Square, bore a closer resemblance to an early punk gig than the slick revues we have come to associate with American dance music.

Flanked by two of his homeboys, Snoop took the stage at 2am, after a ludicrously overblown fanfare, looking more like he might be up on an unreturned library book rap than a serious criminal charge. A slender, slightly wizened figure sporting an outsized check shirt, he couldn't have appeared less menacing if he had dressed as a girl guide.

Equally unusual was his voice. Not for him the subsonic guttural rumble of his fellow West Coast rappers, Ices T and Cube. Instead, Snoop favours a nasal, slightly lisping tone that has a drowsy, hypnotic appeal. His physical movements were similarly mesmerising. Despite having his style severely cramped by various of his "posse" who had opted to muscle in on the act, Snoop paced the small stage like a restless panther, occasionally pausing for a sensual, snaky wiggle.



Snoop Doggy Dogg, the latest star of gangsta rap

At times during the 40-minute set you could have been forgiven for thinking that you had mistakenly attended an advanced evening class in swearing. The repetition of the Oedipal compound noun soon became tiresome, serving more as a rhythmic device than a shock tactic. Misogyny is a charge that has dogged Dogg throughout his brief career.

In his raps women are invariably "bitches" or "ho's" ("whores" as opposed to the popular, long-handed gardening utensils) but, like many rapped threats, particularly when delivered in call-and-response pantomime fashion, these unsavoury insults were hard to take seriously.

The pneumatic base line that carries "What's My Name?" (a riff that owes a significant debt to George Clinton's "Atomic Dog") transformed the heaving throng into a rhythmically pulsating scrummage, while the summery breeziness of "G Thang" prompted uninhibited outbursts of arms-aloft frugging and jubilant shouting.

"Gin and Juice", Snoop's affectionate cap-doff to his favourite tipple, provided a suitably woozy high point, after which Snoop told his excitable faithful: "You motherf****** better leave in peace tonight. I want to come back here motherf****** soon". It was more of a promise than a threat.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

Jazzman at heart

WHEN we first met Brooklyn-born **Will Downing**, six years ago, he was presented as a ladies' man to rival Luther Vandross, Freddie Jackson and other luurve merchants. This was a misrepresentation almost immediately given the lie by his anthemic reconstruction of John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme" into a dance celebration that hinted strongly at his jazzy tendencies.

But, after a Top 20 self-title debut album in 1988, further Downing efforts have tended to be more admired than acquired, and although each has attempted some soul-to-pop crossover, each has made plain that the man is standing under the wrong banner: he really wants to work the higher ground of jazz vocalising.

With a voice of purist honey, Downing will always be near the top of his class, but his waning commercial star made for a muted atmosphere in a less-than-full Hammersmith Apollo gig. First appearing spotlit behind the curtain, he soon put his vocal charms to work to make a stylish entrance with his version of Deniece Williams's "Free", but his is a voice of subtlety rather than power that struggled to come through an unsympathetic mix.

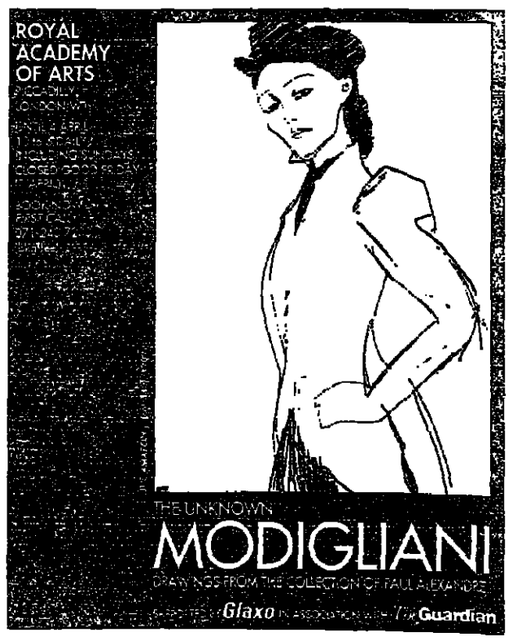
Love's the Place to Be, Downing's current album, is a typically upmarket affair with a cast including Stevie Wonder and vocal partners Rachelle Ferrell and Audrey Wheeler. Here, the feeling grew with each exercise in vocal limbering that the show, too, needed someone to grab it by the scruff. Slow, smoky pieces such as "I Try" and "I Go Crazy", and "Love's The Place To Be", Ronnie Foster's title song to Downing's current album, were fine supper club material, but a down-tempo mood contributed to a feeling of under-achievement in the larger setting.

His remake of the Stylistics' "Break Up To Make Up" was more successful, and the singer's relaxed, sophisticated patter most endearing, but a focus has been lost, as much by the audience as the artist, and an encore of "A Love Supreme" seemed incongruously beat-driven and brash. Downing, standing at his own stylistic crossroad, would obviously love to take the high road, but his audience may be heading the other way.

PAUL SEXTON

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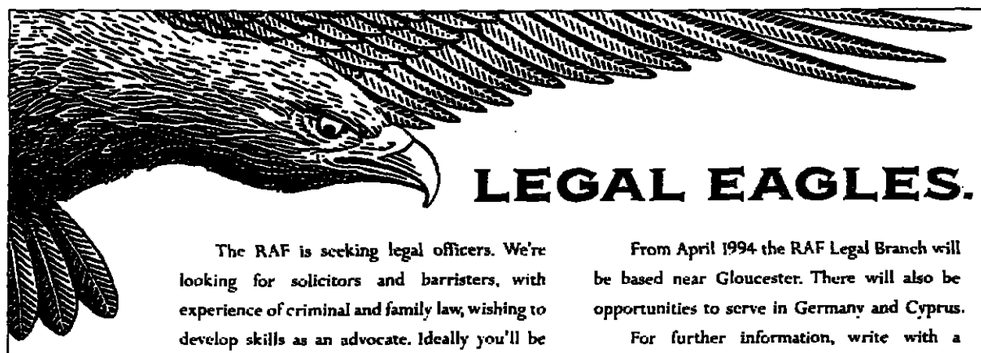
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Nichola Cannock, left, whose case against the RAF won her £172,912, and Helen Marshall, whose legal battle led to equal retirement ages

Geoffrey Bindman on the growing number of sex discrimination claims

Worth every million

Another batch of large damages awards to pregnant women sacked from the armed forces hit the headlines last week. Jill Smith, 34, from Stafford, dismissed after five years with the RAF, received £93,000 from a Birmingham industrial tribunal.

Hers is the latest of about 150 cases going through: last November Nichola Cannock, a former RAF flight lieutenant, was awarded £172,912 in Leeds: and after that a £62,404 award in Nottingham was made to to Jacqueline Peel, 35, an RAF corporal. The biggest may yet be to come: Captain Abigail Kirby-Harris, who was hoping for promotion in the army to Lieutenant-Colonel, has lodged a claim of more than £505,000.

The awards have been high enough to prompt the Ministry of Defence to appeal in some cases. Since about 2,000 cases are yet to be heard, the final bill could be £100 million.

Individually, such sums are unremarkable when compared, say, with the libel victories of Elton John. But in subject matter and novelty they are of startling significance and could herald a revolutionary transformation in a vital area of law.

Compensation for dismissal because of pregnancy is not novel. But the size of these awards is greater than in any previous discrimination case. Before August last year it could never have happened: the ceiling on basic industrial tribunal awards for all cases within their jurisdiction, including unfair dismissal on any ground, was £11,000. The catalyst was a decision of the European Court in Luxembourg. Tribunals are now obliged, although only in sex discrimination cases, to compensate victims for all financial loss, and can make an unlimited award for injury to feelings.

Why pluck sex discrimination from all the employment issues dealt with by industrial tribunals? The explanation does not reflect new government tenderness towards women. The responsibility and credit belongs to Helen Marshall, a dietitian formerly employed by Southampton Area Health Authority.

In 1978, Miss Marshall reached 60, the compulsory retirement age for female employees of the authority. She strenuously objected to being forced to retire from her job when men could carry on to 65. She was allowed to continue until she was 62, but, because the Sex Discrimination Act exempted it, she had no remedy in English law against this obviously discriminatory rule. Her only option was to go to the European Court to make her challenge against the British Government under Community law. Starting in 1980, she persisted until 1986 before she won her case — and then it was only the first round. The Luxembourg court found that the exemption that permitted her forced retirement contravened a Community Directive. The Government was compelled to equalise retirement ages for men and women.

But could Miss Marshall get compensation above the £11,000 industrial tribunal limit? This was round two, concluded last August, after a further seven years' battle.

The European Court announced two findings: no arbitrary ceiling could be imposed on the amount of compensation, which must fully redress the wrong done, and interest must be paid on the amount awarded from the date when the discrimination first took place.

> The effect will be revolutionary in an area of law where, until now, enforcement has been weak

Industrial tribunals, like all other courts, must comply with European Court rulings and the Government had no choice but to bring our domestic law into line. But what about other forms of discrimination? The Race Relations Act provides virtually the same remedies for racial discrimination as the Sex Discrimination Act. In Northern Ireland, to maintain the limit on compensation for religious discrimination would be equally inconsistent.

With commendable lack of fuss, the Government has accepted the logic of this argument. On November 1, Ann Widdecombe, MP, the junior Employment Minister, announced that the Race Relations Act and the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act would be amended to allow unlimited compensation under those Acts as well.

The effect will be a revolutionary transformation in the impact of anti-discrimination laws. Until now, enforcement has been weak. Employers had little incentive to comply with the law when the price of getting caught was minimal. The victims of discrimination were discouraged from complaining by a law which promised much anxiety and delay, with insufficient recompense at the end of it. Delay was actually rewarded by the absence of a right to receive interest on awards.

The changes brought about by Miss Marshall's persistence and the tough stance of European law towards sex discrimination raise yet wider questions. Can an upper limit be justified on compensating any legal wrong? Why should the limit for unfair dismissal remain at £11,000? Employers have often taken advantage of that limit to get rid of highly paid employees cheaply.

The belief that the wrongdoer should pay for the consequences of wrongdoing is embedded in our legal system and taken for granted in cases of personal injury, libel, or contract. Until Marshall, that right was curtailed for those suffering discrimination. Unless the law on unfair dismissal is changed, its victims who cannot prove discrimination will continue to receive only partial compensation.

The RAF verdicts are only a foretaste of the powerful impact of the Marshall ruling. The RAF alone has forecast liabilities up to £50 million in all the other cases where its "anti-pregnancy" policy has been applied. Full compensation in all discrimination cases present and future could dwarf this figure. However, if the result is a new determination by employers and the Government to end discrimination, the price will surely be worth paying.

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Official: Rumpole's fears were justified

The character exercising most power in John Mortimer's Rumpole stories is "Old Keith at the Lord Chancellor's Department". Barristers hope that this civil servant will secure their promotion to the rank of Queen's Counsel or their appointment to the bench. Judges fear a summons to be rebuked for some folly committed in or out of court.

The joke, of course, is that for most of this century the legal system was controlled by a succession of "Old Keiths". The permanent secretaries to the Lord Chancellor's office, since the 1970s a department, exercised enormous reserves of power and patronage. Until recently, they did so with no effective supervision from Westminster, the media or Whitehall.

Because the department is a central feature of the English legal system, tradition has required that its operation should be shrouded in secrecy. A window has now been opened by Robert Stevens in his fascinating study, *The Independence of the Judiciary: The View from the Lord Chancellor's Office* (Oxford University Press, £25).

Difficult issues have a perennial quality. Lord Chief Justice Coleridge wrote to the Lord Chancellor in 1891 drawing attention to the cost of appeals, the backlog of cases and the weakness of the appeal system in criminal cases. Lord Chief Justice Goddard complained in 1947 about a "rather restive Bar Council", which was seeking the appointment of more High Court judges. In 1954, Lord Chancellor Simonds reprimanded a judge for forgetting that he "ought not to express his views in public on matters which are either political or controversial".

Judicial salaries have been a constant cause of friction. Lord Chancellor Sankey told the Cabinet in 1931 that the judges felt aggrieved, especially as "they will be addressed in court by leaders of the Bar who sometimes make in two or three days as much as a judge makes in a year". Mr Justice Macnaghten complained to Sankey in 1932 that he and his colleagues had been so reduced in status that they "were now in the power of civil servants, and he considered his position was no better than that of an office-boy at the Home Office".

Dealing with judges sometimes imposed a considerable strain on the Lord Chancellor. In 1949, Lord Chancellor Jowitt explained to Prime Minister Attlee that three Law Lords, Maugham, Roche and Wright, "have become too old, too deaf or too garrulous". Earlier this century, Lord Parmoor, a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, "wouldn't sit when he was asked to do so. He would sit when he was asked not to."

The documents uncovered by Professor Stevens show that few judges or civil servants appear to have understood the conflict between the independence of the judiciary, which they asserted, and the extent of executive interference, which they tolerated.

When Lord Justice Birkett agreed to write an article for the *United Nations Yearbook on Human Rights* in 1953, the Colonial Office asked him to remove any reference to what was, at the time, the embarrassing subject of the colonial judiciary. He complied, and received a letter from Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, thanking him (with unconscious irony) for writing what would remind readers that we "possess one of the most precious of human rights, a really independent judiciary".

After Mr Justice Denning gave a series of lectures, "Freedom Under the Law", published as a book in 1949, a civil servant produced a list of "errors" and Lord Chancellor Jowitt wrote to Denning suggesting that "the less judges write, the better". Jowitt was also in the habit of asking every candidate for judicial office, "Is there anything about your private life you think you ought to tell me?"


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Until 1972, the department was — astonishingly — staffed exclusively by lawyers, with no regular civil servants. Unlike other government departments, it was not subject to a Committee of the House of Commons before 1990. Despite its responsibility for a large slice of public expenditure by way of legal aid, the department had no ministerial spokesman in the House of Commons until 1992.

Professor Stevens's book is largely based on the papers of the Lord Chancellor's Office. So the preposterous 30-year rule ensures that we are left wondering what has been done on our behalf since 1963. Nevertheless, all lawyers interested in, or concerned about, the way in which their profession is administered will enjoy the instruction which Professor Stevens is able to provide. Those who wish to know the details of Mr Justice Donovan's 1952 request to be allowed to return to the Bar will have to wait, because that file is closed for another decade.

We do know that there is now increased professionalism in the department, and greater sophistication in the judiciary. But judges still have no control, and limited influence, over the funding and administration of their courts. To what extent this continues to hinder their independence may not be properly understood until contemporary documents are released in 30 years' time.

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Judicious pay rises

JUDGES' salaries go up by 5.3 per cent from April. The pay rise is really 2.75 per cent, explains the Lord Chancellor's Department, but the judges' 9.8 per cent rise from 1992 is being made in three stages, thus making it extra large this year. The salary of the Lord Chief Justice rises from £112,083 to £118,179; Court of Appeal judges £99,510 to £104,922; High Court judges £90,148 to £95,051, and circuit judges £65,912 to £69,497.

All still small beer, of course, compared with the earnings of leading QCs and partners in City law firms.

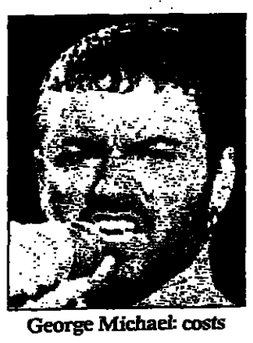
Secret title

LAWYERS can expect a new publication to titillate their jading palates. Michael Chambers, of Chambers & Partners, a recruitment consultancy, is about to launch a legal magazine to complement his law directory. But lawyers will have to wait to find out what type of magazine it will be because Mr Chambers is playing his cards close to his chest. He will confirm only that he has hired Mark Brandon of *The Lawyer* magazine and that they are "getting something together".

On the move

ANOTHER Chambers move from the Temple: this time the set where Kenneth Clarke QC is a door tenant. The set, headed by Michael Brent QC, has left 2 Dr Johnson's Buildings and gone to Gough Square, Fleet Street.

INNS AND OUTS


George Michael: costs

Up, up and away

AS HIS High Court contract battle with Sony Music drags on, George Michael is said to be "increasingly disturbed" by his soaring legal bills. Closing speeches are due to start on February 17 but, according to some press reports, the cost of his case is now put at more than £2 million, and rising, with the risk of paying Sony's fees if he loses.

Rights to reply

HOSTILITY down at the police station is likely to increase. Solicitors are being urged to be more assertive when faced with unacceptable police behaviour. The Law Society has issued fresh guidelines to ensure that solicitors stand up for suspects' rights. The 1,000-page pack comes after criticisms that lawyers have been too passive.

The society said that the guidelines will be particularly important if the Government goes ahead with plans to curb the right to silence.

Injustice of it all

APPLICATIONS to bring cases before industrial tribunals rose by 28 per cent in the year to March 1993 to total 53,445. Sixty-three per cent of these alleged unfair dismissal, 13 per cent concerned redundancy and 17 per cent the Wages Act. Two thirds of the cases were settled before a hearing.

Awards remain low, but big increases are expected after the lifting of the ceiling on damages awards in sex discrimination cases.

Press gang

SLAUGHTER & MAY's cold war with the Press seems to be entering a slow thaw. Eight of its entry class of 1981 are being researched for a profile in *Legal Business* magazine in a "where are they now and how did they get there?" type of article.

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A new act in the court

The CD-rom may be the biggest thing in courtrooms since the quill pen. **Edward Fennell** logs on to the future

When Judge Binns turned away a deaf juror from his court in Kings Lynn recently, he briefly held back the advancing tide of technology in the court and jury room. The potential juror had hoped to use a "real-time" computer transcription service of a kind in widespread use in America. The line is unlikely to be held for much longer: litigation support using CD-rom technology, the computerised version of the compact disc that can store millions of words, has enormous potential and, once its benefits are seen, it is hard to resist.

Not only would the hard of hearing benefit. For example, *Sun* reporters would be spared the embarrassment of having to re-enact in public what they claim happened in a car on a lay-by. Human actions can be animated, construction works revealed and complex figures presented graphically, all from the same "platform".

Over the next year we are likely to see this more and more in British courts. It is already having a powerful impact in the backrooms of solicitors' offices. The Serious Fraud Office, for example, has hired Legal Technologies, an outsourcing company, to undertake a big project in the run-up to a big fraud case due in Oxford soon. Clifford Chance, the large London firm, has just brought in a leading litigation support team to prepare an action due to start in more than a year's time.

Because of the new technology's huge potential, many lawyers are reluctant to talk about how it will be used. At this stage in its implementation, it is still something of a secret weapon that can transform presentation of cases. In five years' time, though, everyone will have it. Using CD-rom technology it is now possible for litigation support services to offer law firms a variety of techniques.

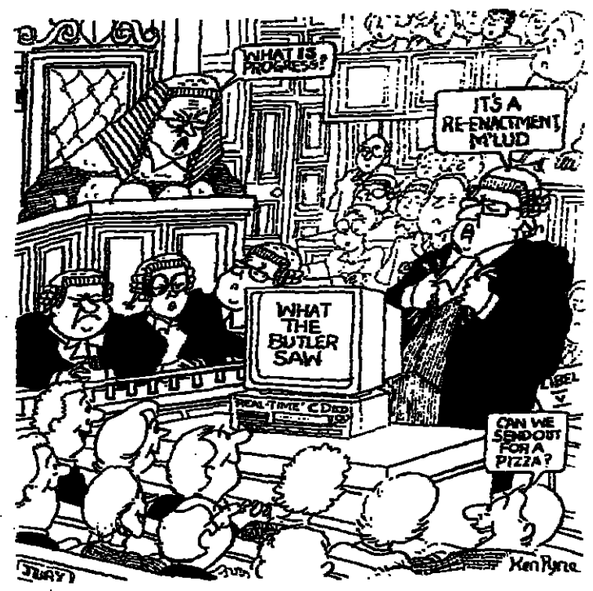
"Imaging" of documents is starting to gain a foothold on the British legal scene. Involving a sophisticated form of photocopying, imaging allows hundreds of thousands of documents, including photographs, to be put on a single CD. Each document is coded and categorised, creating an intelligent "index" so that every document relating to a topic can be pinpointed in seconds. No more rustling through hundreds of pieces of paper; documents can be instantly flashed on screen.

Then there is graphic evidence, which can be played off the same system so that, for example, computer animation sequences can re-enact disputed events.

There is also the transcription service, which can give the judge and others an instant on-screen record of what is being said, allowing them to mark on screen key statements made by witnesses. No more long pauses as judges make handwritten notes.

Chris Osborne, the partner in litigation support at Arthur Andersen, which has been pioneering many of these services, said: "So far, law firms have not been using imaging and other computerised services on cases involving fewer than a quarter of a million documents. But the cost of the technology has fallen so much that I expect lawyers to use it when they have as few as 30,000 documents".

As the various consultancies — such as Arthur Andersen, Legal Technologies and Quorum — square up to each other, however, the battleground is not so much over the hardware and software as over the human management skills which go with it.



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Leading speakers from the Government, the regulatory authorities and the professions will give some answers at a half-day forum entitled Combating Corporate Fraud, to be held on Wednesday, March 30, 1994, organised by *The Times* and the Law Society and supported by the Commerce and Industry Group of The Law Society and the Bar Association for Commerce Finance and Industry.

Rodger Pannone, president of the Law Society, will chair the conference. Speakers include Neil Hamilton, Minister for Corporate Affairs, George Staple, Director of the Serious Fraud Office, and Michael Blair, head of planning and legal services at the Securities and Investment Board.

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Do market forces have a place in the legal aid system and will they serve justice?

Tender hostility, franchise fear

In its 114 years' existence, the Lord Chancellor's Department has rarely been in the forefront of change. It is now embroiled in a controversy that highlights a key issue for the "next steps" agencies so popular with the Government.

Two recently published documents reveal that Lord Mackay is at odds with the Legal Aid Board, the leading public body for which he is responsible. His management statement for the board and its corporate plan reveal a fundamental difference over the contracts or "franchise" that might be granted to legal aid practitioners. Initially, these will be solicitors but barristers and lay advice agencies may follow.

The Lord Chancellor shares the Government's general enthusiasm for compulsory competitive tendering. His management statement confirms that he wants competition for larger individual cases and for the block funding of more routine cases. The board replies that it "will advise him on the practical implications of any arrangements he wishes to propose, applying principles we have developed in our work on franchising". This is designed to sound harmless enough, unless you know what principles the board has developed. In 1989, the board said it was not satisfied that competitive tendering was "realistic or worthwhile...".

The issue of principle behind this conflict is the right to manage. The board's origins lie in an efficiency scrutiny, which suggested in 1986 that a board replace the administration of the Law Society. This was done in 1989 and Lord Mackay broke the power of the profession by ensuring that six of the 12 original members were appointed for their business experience. In consequence, much of the Law Society-appointed management, all solicitors, left and in came a new breed of managers, many with industry experience.

Franchising was to be the jewel in the crown of this new and commendable managerial revolution. It was the board's adaption of the industrial notion of "preferred suppliers". The board would set quality standards, thereby pioneering the introduction of quality control for the first time in publicly funded legal services. Costs would be brought down by practitioners' greater efficiency and the board's ruthless exploitation of it. The board plans to insist that costs should not exceed the average for any particular kind of case. Over time, this would bring them down to the lowest level claimed by any practitioner. The revolutionary nature of this dual reform of cost and quality has brought legal aid administrators flying into London from around the world.


Lord Mackay: changes

The board has, so far, had an easier ride in implementing its ideas than it might have predicted. The first thousand or so franchises were planned to be up and running by the summer. Lord Mackay's revelation of a different agenda from that of the board may, however, set solicitors looking somewhat more suspiciously at the proposed franchising contract.

The board's hostility to competitive tendering stems not simply from the antagonism it will generate in the profession. There are good commercial reasons why it is unlikely to provide cheaper and better services. Providers might well compete aggressively for the first round of contracts. However, the board's quality controls depend on evaluating existing providers. As the numbers diminish, so does competition.

The board is also a long way from establishing litigation-proof ways of measuring quality. It persuaded the Law Society to impose standards of practice management over such things as supervision. But uncertainty still surrounds its idea of investigating the note-keeping on individual files as a proxy for assuring itself of satisfactory quality of service to the client.

Finally, there are the interests of justice and of clients. If large cases are to be put up for tender — for instance, those involving multiple murders or major civil litigation — clients are likely to have little faith in lawyers selected for them on the basis that they are the cheapest. The board has, therefore, some justification for its evident, though unspoken, conviction that competitive tendering is an ideological diversion it would rather not explore.

The Legal Aid Board is, in essence, much like any of the new next steps creations. These agencies are founded on the notion that the administrative aspects of government are non-political. The board's difference with its political master suggests this analysis may prove simplistic.

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Backing of Johnson may spark dispute at Everton

BY PETER BALL

AFTER two months of inaction, the Everton board is expected to recommend that the £12 million bid for the club by Peter Johnson, the Tranmere Rovers chairman, be accepted later this week. The move may bring a dispute among the Moores family, the club's major shareholders, into the open.

The club has been in limbo since the death of Sir John Moores, with Johnson and a consortium led by Bill Kenwright, the theatre impresario and a member of the present board, tabling bids. Johnson's offer is believed to be the larger, with around £12 million available to spend on new players.

The rival consortium has promised a smaller sum, but because of their long-standing Everton connections their bid has been favoured by some of the Moores family.

"In his will, Sir John left his football shares to his two sons binding them to an obligation to ensure that, if and when the Everton Football Club shares were sold, the new owner should be selflessly devoted to the club," Peter Moores, son of Sir John, said yesterday.

Jason Bowen, the Swansea City and Wales under-21 midfield player, began a week-long trial with Newcastle United yesterday and could join the Premiership club in a £300,000 transfer if he impresses.

FA TROPHY: Third-round draw: Worcester City, Kettering Town or Macclesfield Town v Billingham Synthonia; Cheltenham Town v Guiseley; Gateshead or Gretna v Merthyr Tydfil; Sutton United v Dover Athletic; Runcorn v Halifax Town; Bishop Auckland v Worthing or Enfield; Woking v Bromsgrove Rovers; Morecambe v Southport.
Ties to be played on Saturday, March 5.

WOMEN'S FA CUP: Semi-final draw: Stanton Rangers v Knowsley United, Leasowe Pacific v Doncaster Belles.
Ties to be played on Sunday, March 6.

CLAUDIO LUFFOLI



Gascoigne, left, and Venables in convivial mood at a press conference in Rome yesterday. The England coach watched Gascoigne play for Lazio on Sunday

Gascoigne first choice for Venables

Rob Hughes reports from Rome on a meeting that gave some clues about England's future

Whither England under Terry Venables? There seemed to be no shortage of symbolism when the new coach renewed acquaintances with Paul Gascoigne here yesterday, in a hotel high above the capital city of a country racked by scandal and political and financial intrigue.

"I have missed him," were the first words Venables said as he and Gascoigne appeared before the press together. The rumour — and that is all that it was, according to Venables — that he was going to offer Gascoigne the captaincy of England was smoothed aside; but be in no doubt that Gascoigne represents Venables's ideal of a playmaker, a catalyst around whom he hopes to build a style and an effective formula.

That they chose to share the limelight said something of the respect the men have for each other, not least because this was the first time Gascoigne had appeared since his altercation with one of the paparazzi a fortnight ago.

Venables not only decided to share his first thoughts as the England coach with his former Tottenham schemer, but seemed almost to relish allowing Gascoigne to become the dominant personality, just as he had been on Sunday, when the £40 million Lazio team were happy to allow Gascoigne to determine where and when they would run and pass.

This tranquil picture is, of course, new to both the player and coach, and it is probably too much to hope that tranquillity will reign for long. There is a chance if Gascoigne does, at last, feel at home. He is growing on Rome and Italy seems to be helping him mature. Thereby lies the conundrum for England. Suppose, as Venables seems prepared to do, that Gascoigne, 26, is becoming a man of the world, one whose talents could transcend any field. Are England ready for such a leader? Is there any point in Gascoigne improving and acquiring the extra range of passing skills, the ability to know when to run, when to pass and when to fox the opposition, unless the players around him are of the high technical appreciation of Giuseppe Signori and Alen Boksic?

Venables was particularly struck by Gascoigne's perception in bringing those two front players to the fore against Cagliari. Perhaps with the power and hunger of Alan Shearer and the intuitive guile of Peter Beardsley, the coach can see the makings of a similar English trio.

But Gascoigne said yesterday: "It is a completely different thing to England. I would like to think I'm touching now the standards and fitness of 1990. Maybe there's ten to 20 per cent to come. But my game here has changed, I'm happier now, I feel comfortable for the first time being watched by an English manager — with Graham Taylor I always felt I had something to prove."

Gascoigne says that his friendship with, and former employment by, Venables will not and should not mean automatic selection. "I know that if I play badly, I won't be in the England team, and right now I feel ashamed in myself that England are not going to a World Cup, especially when I look at some of the teams who are."

At that point, for the first and only time in an hour of repartee, Venables chose to gag Gascoigne, to intercede and suggest it would not be diplomatic to name the countries.

Venables evidently admires what Gascoigne has achieved in Italy. "It's extra difficult to come to this country, to get over that period of isolation, and to earn the respect of the players here.

"Paul's done that, you can see it in the way players responded to him on Sunday; and you could tell from that one match that he must have worked hard to get that much respect."

Gascoigne will, quite rightly, be a pivotal figure in the new England. He says he is enjoying his best spell since coming to Lazio for £5.5 million almost two years ago, though he has just finished only his third full 90 minutes from 12 starts this season. On Sunday, the maturity of his play was surprising, as was his ability to select from more ideas running through his brain than most English players come up with in a season.

The evidence of the past suggests there are risks in building on that, but risk is the business, the life, of Venables, too. And as the coach travels on to Genoa, I hope that he will choose the next player on his itinerary, David Platt, to restore to the captaincy. For the captain has to be reliable, on and off the field, and have an ability both to take up the passion of play and to detach himself from it.

Gascoigne dwarfs Platt, as he does all other English players, with the scope of his creativity. That should be central to England, but there is nothing to gain from burdening him with an armband. Nevertheless, the English have something to learn from the patience of tens of thousands of Lazio supporters, who were prepared to wait in the sunshine on Sunday, knowing that he would deliver.

McManus breaks through barrier of failure

BY PHIL YATES

THE jinx has been broken. After four increasingly frustrating years, Alan McManus finally realised his potential by capturing the Benson and Hedges Masters snooker title at Wembley Conference Centre on Sunday night.

He erased the disappointment of defeats in six finals and 11 semi-finals by beating Stephen Hendry 9-8 in a match that will go down as one of the most exciting in recent times.

"Now I can go into any tournament and feel that I've got every right to win it," McManus, the world No 6, said. "This success will make me more positive. I had thought for a long while that I had the necessary ability to be a winner. Now I'm sure."

McManus was under pressure from every quarter as he began the deciding frame, with the difference between the winner's cheque of £115,000 and the £60,000 runner's-up purse being a not inconsiderable concern. However, he was more worried about the implications of coming out second best yet again. Previously this season, he had lost 10-9 to Ken Doherty in the final of the Scottish Masters and 9-6 to Steve Davis in the Welsh Open.

"It was the point of no return," said McManus, who compiled a remarkably composed 76 break after Hendry, adopting his usual attacking approach, took on and misjudged a two-ball plant.

Yeaterday almost produced anti-climax when McManus trailed 3-1 to Dave Finbow in the first round of the International Open at Bournemouth. But he again kept his nerve in the final frame to go through 5-4.

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Deadline nears for choosing your England XI

THOUSANDS of readers have already taken the opportunity to pit their wits against those of the England selectors by playing *The Times* First XI game but time is running out for anyone still wanting to take part. The special telephone lines for the game close at noon tomorrow, just hours before the first ball is bowled in the first one-day international between West Indies and England in Barbados.

In *The Times* 1st XI game, you can pick the team you would like to see and measure its performance against the players' real statistics, which will be published after every international match in *The Times*. Whether you enter for your own satisfaction or to pit your selection skills against friends or colleagues, the game should add to the excitement of what should be a memorable series. And for those who prove the best at 1st XI cricket, there will be some memorable prizes, including the trip of a lifetime to see England play Australia in the Christmas Test at Melbourne.



The aim of the game: Readers are invited to pick their England cricket XI from the party in the West Indies and estimate the players' individual performances in the five one-day internationals and five Test matches of the tour. The winner of the game will be the person whose predictions are closest to the actual performances of his or her selected eleven players in all ten matches.

The prize: Win the trip of a lifetime for yourself and three family members or friends to see the Christmas Test match between Australia and England, which begins in Melbourne on December 24. We will provide flights, hotel accommodation for two weeks in Melbourne and tickets to each day of the Test match.

The Test is one of the great social occasions in the cricketing calendar. England's visits always attract special interest and crowds in excess of 60,000 are commonplace at the MCG, especially on Boxing Day, which this year will stage the second day of the match. Christmas Day is a rest day.

The Melbourne Test will be the second in the five-Test series in which England will be attempting to regain the Ashes which they last secured at the MCG in December 1986. Then, under the leadership of Mike Gatting, they won by an innings in three days. Four years earlier, when Bob Willis was captain, England won a famous victory on the ground by three runs.

England's tour of Australia begins on October 25 and the first Test match is in Brisbane on November 25. The other Tests will be in Sydney (January 1-5), Adelaide (January 26-30) and Perth (February 3-7). England will also compete in the limited-overs World Series Cup competition with Australia and Zimbabwe.

Twenty runners-up will each receive a pair of tickets to one of England's six Test matches against New Zealand and South Africa this summer.

What to do: Simply study the 17 names of the England tour party printed on the 1st XI bat. You may like to refer to their Test and one-day averages, with their records against West Indies, which are also provided below. Then select your XI, bearing in mind that you must pick six from the batsman category and four from the bowler category. You must also pick one of the wicketkeepers, Stewart or Russell, and designate him as wicketkeeper. Whichever of these two players you do not choose as your wicketkeeper, you may nominate as one of your six batsmen. When you telephone your entry, **you will be asked for your wicketkeeper selection first.** You may not pick any player twice.

KEY DATES

Feb 16: First one-day International (Barbados)
Feb 19-24: First Test (Jamaica)
Feb 26: Second one-day International (Jamaica)
Mar 2: Third one-day international (St Vincent)
Mar 5: Fourth one-day International (Trinidad)
Mar 6: Fifth one-day international (Trinidad)
Mar 17-22: Second Test (Guyana)
Mar 25-30: Third Test (Trinidad)
Apr 8-13: Fourth Test (Barbados)
Apr 16-21: Fifth Test (Antigua)

For each of your eleven players, you will be asked to give your predictions of the total number of runs they will make in the international matches (five Test matches and five one-day internationals, which allows a maximum of 15 innings), and then the total number of wickets they will take.

In the case of the designated wicketkeeper, catches and stumpings will count as wickets. When you call *The Times* 1st XI number, you will be asked to express each selection numerically. For example, if you have selected Alec Stewart as your wicketkeeper, and are predicting that he will score 350 runs and take 25 wickets, your entry would read:

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Throughout the period of international matches, *The Times* will print the running totals of all 17 players. After April 21, the last day of the fifth Test, the final totals of each player will be compared to readers' selections.

The difference between predicted totals for each player in each category and their actual totals will be measured in points: one point for each run, and 20 points for each wicket, regardless of whether you have underestimated or overestimated. Three examples of how predictions would be measured are given below. The winner will be the reader with the fewest points.

No allowance can be made if a player is injured or sent home for any reason, nor for loss of play due to weather conditions or any other external factors. Readers should bear these points in mind when making selections. No substitutions will be allowed.

The closing date for telephone entries is noon on Wednesday, February 16, the day of the opening one-day international in Barbados.

You can enter as many times as you like, but each entry requires a separate telephone call. You can enter on your own, with your family (up to a maximum of four people) or a joint team (maximum of four) with your friends, **but all callers must be aged 18 or over.**

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 103.** The lines are open now. Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions on the line. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference number, number of runs, number of wickets) for each of your 11 chosen players in turn, starting with the designated wicketkeeper.

You will then be asked to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). You will need this if you are a winner. If you cannot get through, please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* 1st XI bat to record your selections and your PIN.

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THREE EXAMPLES OF HOW PREDICTIONS WOULD BE MEASURED



Player: Alec Stewart (wicketkeeper)

Predicted runs	450
Actual runs	370
Difference	80
Points (80 x 1)	80
Predicted wickets (catches and stumpings)	19
Actual wickets	15
Difference	4
Points (4 x 20)	80
TOTAL POINTS (80 + 80)	160



Player: Graham Thorpe (batsman)

Predicted runs	250
Actual runs	175
Difference	75
Points (75 x 1)	75
Predicted wickets	4
Actual wickets	1
Difference	3
Points (3 x 20)	60
TOTAL POINTS (75 + 60)	135



Player: Angus Fraser (bowler)

Predicted runs	50
Actual runs	81
Difference	31
Points (31 x 1)	31
Predicted wickets	22
Actual wickets	24
Difference	2
Points (2 x 20)	40
TOTAL POINTS (31 + 40)	71

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Only applications made through The Times 1st XI telephone lines will be accepted from readers in the United Kingdom and Channel Islands. Postal applications will only be accepted from readers in the Republic of Ireland and outside the UK and must be received by the closing date. Only one postal entry per household is permitted.

2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, February 16, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The lines are open now.

3. Only players published in The Times 1st XI list will be accepted as entries into the 1st XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into.

4. The 11 players selected must be drawn from the 17 in the published list. Six must be drawn from those designated as batsmen, four from the bowlers. One must be drawn from the wicketkeeper category although either Stewart or Russell may also be selected as a batsman if not picked as wicketkeeper. No player may be picked twice.

5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. Offer is open to readers over the age of 18.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the lowest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break. In the first instance of a tie, the entrant whose selected eleven made the most appearances in the ten matches would be adjudged the winner. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

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Atherton hints at gamble on Salisbury

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN BRIDGETOWN

WITH their batting and their seam bowling ominously creaking, England are to put their faith in a reliable asset this week. Michael Atherton, the captain, yesterday revealed that he wants to include a spin bowler in both the one-day international here tomorrow and the first Test match, which starts in Jamaica on Saturday.

Intriguingly, he also offered a strong hint that, while Phil Tufnell will almost certainly be the choice for the limited-overs match, Ian Salisbury, the Sussex leg spinner, might be preferred in the Test side.

Salisbury, his perkiness evidently restored after a tortured summer of injury and lost confidence, is perceived to be an important attacking weapon against West Indian batsmen who know little or nothing of him. Atherton is keen to exploit this to the full, and said: "Tufnell is the favourite to play in the one-dayer if only to keep Salisbury away from the West Indian batters should we decide to play him in the Test."

This was as broad a nod-and-wink guide as can be expected from any captain five days before a Test match, but Atherton added a sensible rider. "All things being equal, I would like to play a spinner in Jamaica but it does depend on the conditions. If we find a pitch we think is going to offer uneven bounce, we may decide it will do that more at pace."

Comparing his spin options, Atherton went on: "Tufnell bowls with more control but Salisbury turns the ball more. He also bowls more bad deliveries." All of this will be assessed in the context of a Sabina Park pitch, which, on this season's evidence, is likely to be slow and lifeless.

Atherton, like the team manager, Keith Fletcher, was full of praise for the disciplined and skilful bowling of Tufnell against Barbados over the weekend, when his figures of two for 113 from 55 overs were a travesty. Unless it is thought that he will obtain bounce and turn at Sabina, it will be a gamble, if an exciting one, to play Salisbury ahead of Tufnell.

Of at least equal concern to Atherton, however, is the unimpressive form of his middle-order batting. Only Stewart, Smith and the captain himself have so far played in the style of dependable Test batsmen but the time for experiment is past and England may be locked into an unsatisfactory order.

Although Atherton admitted that nothing was solved by the Barbados match and that nothing was yet certain about order for the Test match, it would require a radical rethink to change things now. Mark Ramprakash still seems likely to bat at No 3 in Jamaica, though I cannot see why the job should not be done by the best player of pace, Robin Smith.

If Smith is intent on staying at No 4, it can even be argued that Graeme Hick should bat at three, as he does in county cricket. The proviso must be that Atherton backed his stated belief that Hick has no technical problem against the short ball and urged him to play positively rather than confusing his method by various clumsy means of evasion and self-preservation.

As the Barbados weather at last improved yesterday, England enjoyed a day off, Atherton maintaining his belief that free time is more beneficial than constant slog. The West Indies side has now gathered here, though minus Carl Hooper, who will be out of action at least until the second Test with a back injury.

Hong Kong edge to win under Orders

A THRILLING tussle between Hong Kong and Denmark that ended with scores tied on 192 yesterday helped to repair the ICC Trophy's reputation after a series of one-sided, rain-affected opening games in Nairobi (a Special Correspondent writes).

Hong Kong were declared victors at the Gymkhana Club, having lost two fewer wickets after their ninth-wicket pair scrambled eight off the last over to draw level on the second day of the tie.

An Oxford graduate, John Orders, was Hong Kong's hero with an unbeaten 63 after his side resumed at 80 for four, and the Australian-born Stewart Brew made 43 to add to a hat-trick. Ole Mortensen, the Derbyshire fast bowler, took four wickets for Denmark. After the match, both managers reported one of the umpires for a decision that cost Hong Kong a single on Sunday.

Elsewhere, Kenya dismissed Singapore for 76 at Ruaraka and knocked off the runs in 9.2 overs, taking their crease occupation to 24.2 overs in two winning games. Holland brushed off the lightweight challenge of Gibraltar and Namibia's chance of a quarter-final was ended by a wet wicket and Canada's Bhawan Singh, who took seven for 21 including the trophy's second hat-trick.

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Muzumdar breaks 73-year-old record

A YOUNG Indian cricketer, Amol Muzumdar, broke one of the oldest records in the game on the way to recording a score of 260 yesterday, the highest innings made on a debut in first-class cricket.

Muzumdar, 19, batting for Bombay against Haryana in a Ranji Trophy match, broke the record belonging to W. F. E. Marx, who made 240 for Transvaal against Griqualand West in Johannesburg in 1920-21. The former India under-19 captain overhauled Marx's score on Sunday, when he reached 245 not out after batting for ten hours.

Muzumdar is a pupil of Ramakant Achrekar, the Bombay coach, whose pupils include Sachin Tendulkar and Vinod Kambli. "I tried to follow my coach's advice that a wicket must never be thrown away," Mazumdar said.

He put on 228 with Ravi Shastri, who hit 118. Bombay were all out for 718.

☐ India have accepted an invitation to play in the Australasia Cup in Sharjah in April for the first time since their dispute with Pakistan in October 1991. The visit must still be cleared by the Indian government.

☐ Ian Healy set a wicket-keeping record for a first-class match in South Africa yesterday when he completed 11 dismissals (ten caught, one stumped) in the match between the Australians and Northern Transvaal.

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Test averages v West Indies

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	8	14	1	212	55	16.30	—	1	19
A J Stewart	5	10	2	229	45	29.87	—	—	6
M A Atherton	5	9	0	79	32	8.77	—	—	3
G A Hick	4	7	0	75	43	10.71	—	—	8
N Hussain	3	5	0	100	35	20.00	—	—	1
M P Maynard	1	2	0	13	10	6.50	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	5	9	0	210	29	23.33	—	—	4
R A Smith	10	18	4	708	148*	50.57	2	5	5
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	2	2	1	13	11	13.00	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	2	3	1	125	85	62.50	—	1	3
D E Malcolm	6	9	4	26	12	5.20	—	—	2
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	—	—	—
S L Watkin	2	3	0	6	5	2.66	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G A Hick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	71.1	19	181	11	14.63	5-28	1	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	79	30	201	6	33.50	6-111	1	—
D E Malcolm	204.1	25	757	22	34.40	6-77	1	1
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	60.3	9	175	7	25.00	6-25	1	—
S L Watkin	36	4	153	5	30.60	3-38	—	—

Test career averages

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	31	49	10	1060	128*	27.17	1	3	80
A J Stewart	32	60	4	2083	190	37.19	4	11	46/4
M A Atherton	29	55	1	1927	151	35.68	3	15	24
G A Hick	18	31	0	972	178	31.35	1	5	27
N Hussain	7	13	2	284	71	25.81	—	1	3
M P Maynard	3	6	0	52	20	8.66	—	—	2
M R Ramprakash	10	17	1	311	64	19.43	—	1	7
R A Smith	45	84	14	3237	148*	46.24	8	22	31
G P Thorpe	3	6	1	230	114*	46.00	1	1	5
A R Caddick	4	8	1	101	25	14.42	—	—	2
A R C Fraser	12	16	1	129	29	8.60	—	—	2
A P Igglesden	1	1	1	2	2*	—	—	—	1
C C Lewis	20	31	1	771	117	25.70	1	3	18
D E Malcolm	25	37	13	130	15*	5.41	—	—	3
I D K Salisbury	4	7	0	136	50	19.42	—	1	2
P C R Tufnell	15	23	13	56	22*	5.60	—	—	5
S L Watkin	3	5	0	25	13	5.00	—	—	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	61	11	282	1	282.00	1-60	—	—
G A Hick	240.5	62	598	14	42.71	4-126	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	1.1	0	6	0	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	4	2	6	0	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	6	1	14	0	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	153	28	488	5	97.60	3-32	—	—
A R C Fraser	563.3	130	1986	55	25.20	6-82	5	—
A P Igglesden	37	3	146	3	48.66	2-61	—	—
C C Lewis	692	145	2068	52	39.76	6-111	2	—
D E Malcolm	934.3	164	3084	83	37.15	6-77	4	1
I D K Salisbury	122.1	9	538	8	67.00	3-49	—	—
P C R Tufnell	687.2	175	1826	50	36.52	7-47	4	1
S L Watkin	89	17	305	11	27.72	4-85	—	—

One-day averages v West Indies

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	10	5	1	58	28	14.50	—	—	8
A J Stewart	7	5	1	33	20	8.25	—	—	4
M A Atherton	3	3	1	168	74	84.00	—	2	—
G A Hick	4	4	1	183	86*	61.00	—	2	1
N Hussain	1	1	1	15	15*	—	—	—	1
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	2	2	2	6	6*	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	8	7	1	210	69	35.00	—	2	5
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	6	1	1	3	3*	—	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	6	1	0	0	0	0.00	—	—	3
D E Malcolm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G A Hick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	52.1	4	205	5	41.00	2-37	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	42.2	5	198	8	24.75	3-30	—	—
D E Malcolm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	5	0	20	0	—	—	—	—
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

One-day career records

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	28	19	6	261	50	20.07	—	—	12/5
A J Stewart	51	46	4	1278	103	30.42	1	8	37/3
M A Atherton	10	10	1	335	74	37.22	—	3	3
G A Hick	32	31	5	1038	105*	39.92	1	9	18
N Hussain	2	2	1	17	15*	17.00	—	—	1
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	2	2	2	6	6*	—	—	—	1
R A Smith	58	57	6	2066	167*	42.20	4	12	18
G P Thorpe	3	3	0	69	36	23.66	—	—	1
A R Caddick	3	2	2	3	2*	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	24	10	4	69	36*	11.50	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	40	29	6	251	33	11.95	—	—	14
D E Malcolm	8	5	2	9	4	3.00	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	2	1	1	2	2*	—	—	—	1
P C R Tufnell	15	7	6	13	5*	13.00	—	—	3
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G A Hick	37	1	191	4	47.75	2-7	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	33	5	132	4	33.00	3-39	—	—
A R C Fraser	222.4	34	797	23	34.65	3-22	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	319.1	20	1412	45	31.37	4-30	—	—
D E Malcolm	79	7	363	13	27.92	3-40	—	—
I D K Salisbury	12	1	78	2	39.00	2-38	—	—
P C R Tufnell	125	17	528	12	44.00	3-40	—	—
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CROSSWORD AND CHESS

Answers from page 48

AEGILOPS

(b) Medical, an ulcer or fistula in the inner angle of the eye, from the Greek *aix, aigos*, a goat, *aigilos* a wild-oat or herb eaten by goats, and *ops* an eye: Philemon Holland's translation of Pliny's *Natural History of the World*, 1601: "There is a running betweene the corner of the eie and the nose, called Aegilops: for to heale which sore, there is a soveraigne herbe of that name growing among Barly."

BASILAR

(a) Of, pertaining to, or situated at the base, especially the base of the skull, mostly medical and anatomical, also *basilary*, from the modern Latin *basilāris*, irregular from *basis*: A. Monro, *Anatomical Bones and Nerves*, 1782: "Made concave for the reception on the basilar process of the occipital bone."

SCARUS

(a) A fish described by ancient writers, in modern use, the name of the typical genus of the family *Scaridae*, a parrot-fish, from the Greek *skaros*, Latin *scarus*: "The salmon also is said to be of the ruminants and chew cud, and, if we may believe Ovid, the scarus likewise."

SLANTINDICULAR

(a) US slang, a mixed marriage of *slanting* with *perpendicular*, chiefly jocular and colloquial: "He walked uprightly *before the world*, but when he was *not* before the world his walk was slantindicular."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

With 1 . . . Qd4! Black creates the dual threats of . . . Qxg1 and . . . Bxc5. White cannot deal with both.

Double Silk reappears at Sandown on Thursday

Injured Party Politics has to miss National

By Julian Muscat

PARTY Politics, the 1992 Grand National winner, has been ruled out of this year's renewal with a badly bruised foot that will keep him off the track for the remainder of the season. The ten-year-old, 16-1 joint second favourite with Corals, had been strongly fancied by connections to follow up that victory.

The injury comes as a bitter disappointment to his trainer, Nick Gaselee, who was preparing the horse for the Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock, a race he won last year. "He has bruised the wing of his near-fore pedal bone," Gaselee explained yesterday. "He will be fine but he now needs two months of total rest."

This latest setback is the culmination of a series of frustrating injuries to the giant bay. After a winning seasonal debut at Chepstow, Party Politics was found to be lame on the morning of his intended bid for the Welsh National in December. The hock he damaged in his box healed sufficiently for Gaselee to point him at the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock last month, only for the horse to bruise a foot during his morning exercise.

Last year's void National denied Party Politics his opportunity to register a second successive victory. However, Gaselee remains optimistic that Party Politics can yet add to those laurels. "Plenty of horses have won the race as 11 or 12-year-olds," he said. "He is only ten; there is hope for him yet. But it does make last year's fiasco even more regrettable."

The bookmakers reacted quickly to yesterday's developments. Corals shortened Double Silk, their favourite, to 10-1 from 14-1, and Moorcroft Boy to 14-1 from two points longer.

Double Silk, denied a run when yesterday's Plumpton fixture was abandoned, is expected to reappear, weather permitting, in the Wilfred Johnstone Hunters' Chase at Sandown on Thursday. The extended 2½ miles of that contest is some way short of the horse's best, but his trainer, Reg Wilkins, is keen to take up the option.

Wilkins, a 67-year-old Somerset-based dairy farmer who regularly rides out on Double Silk, said of his horse: "I was on board on Sunday and he is very well in himself, maybe even better than he was last year." Double Silk has landed his only outing of the season, at Chepstow last month, with consummate ease, and will tackle the Foxhunters' Chase at Cheltenham before heading to Aintree.

Meanwhile, Into The Red, another fancied Grand National contender, was yesterday reported by his trainer, John White, to have contracted a viral infection. Blood tests taken from the horse after his defeat at Chepstow ten days ago have identified the cause of his lacklustre display.

"He didn't look as though he was a sick horse that day so I was inclined to blame the heavy ground," White said. "In many ways it has come as a relief; it fully explains why he ran so badly. At least he's been hit now, rather than in the week before the National."

Into The Red has been forced to bypass the Tote Eider Chase at Newcastle on Saturday in favour of a week of rest, but White still expects to have him at his best for Aintree. "The chances are that he will go to the National without another run. He goes well when he is fresh so it would not bother me in the slightest." White added of the ten-year-old, rated a 20-1 shot for the National.

Moorcroft Boy has been installed 9-4 favourite by Ladbrokes for the Eider Chase. He is among 15 horses standing their ground for the extended four-mile handicap.



Gaselee believes Party Politics can add to laurels

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SAMSOLOM
(4.25 Lingfield Park)

Next best: Midnight Jazz
(2.55 Lingfield Park)

Stewards subjected to closer scrutiny

By Julian Muscat

LOCAL racecourse stewards, whose ability to apply the Rules of racing consistently has been questioned after some of their recent decisions, are to be subjected to more stringent assessments of their performance following a series of changes to the structure of the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee.

The role of local stewards was identified as "the fundamental building block" in the Jockey Club's objective, outlined in London yesterday, to strengthen the entire disciplinary process. To that end, the central committee is to be expanded and two new appointments made.

The director of regulation, a senior post, will work with members of the disciplinary committee and those in the industry to achieve greater consistency and confidence in the application of rules. The successful applicant will be aided by a collator, whose brief is to make better use for training purposes of the data, particularly that on video, collected by the Jockey Club. He will report to the director of regulation.

The disciplinary committee is to be expanded to include a team of three or four new members, whose principal brief is to involve themselves in selecting, educating and monitoring the performance of racecourse stewards. They will spend much of their time on the racecourse assessing the quality of the performance of local stewards and their secretaries before reporting their findings to the central authority.

"No-one favours the big-brother attitude where some are overlooking the work of others," Anthony Mildmay-White, chairman of the disciplinary committee, said of the new members' role in assessing local stewards. "But people should have no fear about doing the job if they are doing it properly." Those chairing panels of local stewards will be required to attend education programmes, which are to be revamped and improved. As a priority, a system of measuring the performance of local stewards is to be established. Those appointed to chair local panels will be more rigorously selected, and greater urgency given to removing those who fail to achieve the required standard.

The changes, announced by Mildmay-White yesterday, amount to a tightening of existing procedures. They follow the theme established in his 13-month term of office which has favoured the spanner, rather than the hammer, in dealing with modifications to existing disciplinary mechanisms.

The prospect of replacing voluntary local stewards with a team of professionals was rejected by the review group to recommend the changes. As expected, those calling for stewards' secretaries to be given a vote at official racecourse enquiries have also been denied.

Cold snap puts bite on fixtures

FROST is threatening to wipe out turf racing in Britain until at least Thursday. The cold snap has already put paid to Hereford and Plumpton yesterday and this afternoon's fixture at Towcester. The remaining turf meeting today, at Newton Abbot, hinges on an inspection at 7.30.

Unless there is a rapid rise in temperatures, the scheduled programmes tomorrow at Sedgefield, Folkestone and Worcester are also likely to fall. Geoff Stickels, the Folkestone clerk of the course, reported the track unraceable yesterday but will decide on an inspection today: Worcester and Sedgefield are frozen.

□ Because of the loss of The Times Rising Stars Qualifier at Hereford yesterday, the nine declared runners will automatically qualify for the £10,000-added final at Newbury on March 25.

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NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
1.40 Valnau. 2.10 Chickabiddy. 2.40 Lord Relic. 3.10 Shearmac Steel. 3.40 Rather Sharp. 4.10 Broughton's Tango.
Brian Beel: 1.40 Nearly Splendid.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS
7.30AM INSPECTION

1.40 LITTLE TOWN RESTRICTED NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,135: 2m 5f) (14 runners)

1 P206- ANOTHER LUCAS 262P (S) Mrs B Turner 10-12-0 S Slade (7) –
2 411-5 BACK IN BUSINESS 31P (G) P Davies 11-12-0 Miss H McCaull (7) –
3 P0UP- DECRETO 318 Mrs J Kendall-Davis 13-12-0 E James (7) 83
4 4/PP JUST SILVER 353P B Randell 9-12-0 R White (7) –
5 21-11 NEARLY SPLENDID 10P (F,G,S) S Stevens 9-12-0 T Greed (7) –
6 P RANSOME JRAG 17P Mrs J M Mills 9-12-0 R Wakeham (7) –
7 /160 TAPSTER LAD 325P (F) Mrs S Irish 10-12-0 R Mills (7) –
8 PPFP- TIME MODULE 385 D Scott 10-12-0 J Scott (7) 81
9 /0B-1 VALNAU 10P (B,S) M Pipe 7-12-0 D Pipe (7) –
10 4P1/4 CADEAU D'ARAGON 10P (F) Mrs D Cole 7-11-9 N Harris (7) –
11 -P3P1 HASTY SALVO 10P (G,S) J Dufosee 10-11-9 G Wheeler (7) [top]
12 P5-PP KNOWAFENCE 24P (B) Miss S J Crew 8-11-9 P MacEwan (5) –
13 P8P-P OH BE JOYFUL 10P N Spry 6-11-9 Mrs J Mills (7) –
14 1135- WALK IN THE WOODS 283P (F,S) B Baldry 7-11-9 Mrs S Palmer (7) –

□ Form figures include point-to-points

7-4 Nearly Splendid, 7-2 Valnau, 6-1 Back In Business, 7-1 Hasty Salvo, 10-1 Walk In The Woods, 14-1 Cadeau D'Aragon, 16-1 Tapster Lad, 20-1 Another Lucas, 25-1 Decreto, 33-1 Ransome Jrag, 50-1 others.

2.10 HOUND TOR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,839: 2m 1f) (10)

1 1250 CHICKABIDDY 18 (G) G Edwards 6-11-5 D Salter [top]
2 -425 CHANDIGARH 18F (BF) R Lee 6-11-4 P McLoughlin (3) 98
3 0U NOTED STRAIN 12 D Bassett 6-11-4 S Arnold (7) –
4 504 KRAKATOA 43 (B) A Forte 5-10-13 D Matthews 84
5 P VITAL TYCOON 74 D C Tucker 6-10-13 J Neaves (5) –
6 P BORDER DREAM 15 W G M Turner 4-10-8 R Darke (3) –
7 GLISSO 189F M Pipe 4-10-8 L Reynolds (5) –
8 P0 WEST END 10 G Stickland 4-10-8 A Thornton –
9 00 ORCHESTON 63 M Bolton 4-10-3 P Hide –
10 WALID'S PRINCESS 199F R Frost 4-10-3 D Meredith –

2-1 Glisso, 9-4 Chickabiddy, 7-2 Chandigarh, 7-1 Noted Strain, 8-1 Walid's Princess, 16-1 Krakatoa, 25-1 others.

2.40 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,814: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 30-1 LORD RELIC 11 (S) M Pipe 8-11-3 R Dunwoody [top]
2 P5P0 BLAKEINGTON 18 (S) N Mitchell 8-10-10 Miss S Mitchell (7) –
3 F254 MARTELL BOY 27 (S) D Barons 7-10-10 J Frost 72
4 -65P JUDYS LINE 84 (S) Miss S Waterman 10-10-5 D Salter (5) 50
5 0 PINE VALE 31 G Balding 6-10-5 Craig Thornton –

1-6 Lord Relic, 8-1 Martell Boy, 14-1 Blakeington, 25-1 Judys Line, 33-1 Pine Vale.

3.10 RIPPON TOR NOVICES HURDLE (£2,253: 2m 6f) (11)

1 0P BARON RUSH 7 W G Turner 6-11-5 Tracy Turner –
2 0506 GREEN'S GAME 8 N Mitchell 6-11-5 G Upton 68
3 53 MILLION IN MIND 14 (B,BF) J White 5-11-5 A Maguire [top]
4 6PP6 PRINCE VALMY 21 N Ayliffe 9-11-5 B Powell 66
5 0-P SARACEN'S BOY 33 M Churches 6-11-5 Mr B Pollock (7) –
6 0/3 SHEARMAC STEEL 115 (BF,G) P Hobbs 7-11-5 Peter Hobbs 95
7 13-2 STRONG CASE 159F (G) M Pipe 6-11-5 R Dunwoody –
8 /0 ABSENT MINDS 112 B Young 8-11-0 Miss S Young –
9 0F30 ALICE SPRINGS 5 S Knight 5-11-0 Mr T Greed 69
10 00P0 SPIRIT LEVEL 50 J Payne 6-11-0 Mr R Payne (7) 79
11 00P2 STORMY SUNSET 50 W Dennis 7-11-0 Mr N Moore (7) 90

7-4 Million In Mind, 2-1 Strong Case, 11-4 Shearmac Steel, 10-1 others.

3.40 FOX TOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,355: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 3113 DEXTRA DOVE 19 (D,F,G,S) R Alner 7-11-10 S Earle 89
2 3253 FRED SPLENDID 15 (CD,S) R Hodges 11-11-0 R Dunwoody 88
3 114P RATHER SHARP 15 (D,BF,S) C Popham 8-10-10 B Powell [top]
4 -563 ALDAHE 20 (G) B Millman 9-10-0 D Salter (5) –

5-4 Rather Sharp, 13-8 Dextra Dove, 7-2 Fred Splendid, 20-1 Aldahe.

4.10 HAYTOR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,801: 2m 6f) (10)

1 -3P3 CASTIGLIERO 14 (B,S) C Brooks 6-12-0 G Bradley [top]
2 11-4 LYNCH LAW 17 (B,BF,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-4 R Dunwoody 94
3 -522 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 43 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-6 S Keightley 98
4 4653 LASTING MEMORY 59 (C,D,F,G,S) R Frost 8-10-4 J Frost 92
5 5/0 PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 25 (C,F,S) M Pipe 10-10-1 M Foster –
6 0-06 AL SAHIL 63 (CD,G,S) J White 9-10-0 B Clifford 93
7 0340 PUNCHBAG 38 (C,G,S) G Ham 8-10-0 B Powell 91
8 34P0 PRIZE MATCH 8 (C,S) N Gaselee 5-10-0 A Maguire 93
9 1058 MILDRED SOPHIA 6 (C,S) N Mitchell 7-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7) 71
10 P-23 JOKERS PATCH 22 (D,S) R Baker 7-10-0 L Harvey 70

7-4 Lynch Law, 7-2 Castigliero, 9-2 Broughton's Tango, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Brooks, 9 winners from 28 runners, 32.1%; M Pipe, 103 from 338, 30.5%; P Hobbs, 24 from 105, 22.9%; J White, 10 from 46, 21.7%; B Millman, 3 from 16, 18.8%; G Balding, 8 from 56, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 11 winners from 37 rides, 29.7%; D Meredith, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 99, 21.2%; B Clifford, 11 from 52, 21.2%; P Hobbs, 16 from 91, 17.6%; A Maguire, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

Blinkered first time

Lingfield Park: 2.25 Lively. 3.25 Barniemeboy.

RESULTS FROM WOLVERHAMPTON YESTERDAY

Going: standard

2.10 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, SURPRISE GUEST (J Weaver, 9-4 fav); 2, Anotheronefortjaybe (A Clark, 16-1); 3, Idle Hound (G Duffield, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Jolly Swagman, 7 Dante's Rubicon, 12 Mytton's Choice (4th), Olympic Bid, 20 Sweetfiddlemystery (6th), 25 Greenback (5th), 33 Finnwood Lady. 10 ran. Nk, 12l, 3l, 7l, 3½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £3.30, £1.10. DF: £117.00. CSF: £34.85.

2.40 (5f) 1, VERY DICEY (Ruth Coulter, 6-1); 2, Sir Tasker (Darren Moffatt, 6-1); 3, Simmie's Special (L Dettori, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Samson-Agonistes (4th), 8 Hershebar (5th), Nile Delta, 9 Brisas, 10 Aughfad, 14 Deeniers, Little Osborne, 25 Everset (6th), Tommy Tempest. 12 ran. NR: Troming. 1l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £8.60; £3.40, £3.80, £2.20. DF: £21.80. CSF: £45.98.

3.10 (5f) 1, BLUE DOMAIN (M Humphries, 6-1); 2, Allegrnobrain (A Clark, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Grammes Delight (J Weaver, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Four Of Spades (6th), 9-2 The Fernhill Flyer (6th), 25 Angelic Dancer (4th). 6 ran. Sh hd, hd, 2½l, ¾l, 6l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £6.10. CSF: £22.25.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, HOLY WANDERER (J Williams, 13-8 fav); 2, Rasayel (A Clark, 12-1); 3, Head Turner (C Rutter, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 5 Quick Silver Boy (4th), 6 Dancing Trailthee, 12 Glowing Path (5th), Roly Wallace, 33 Bright Sapphire (6th), 50 Arrasas Lady. 9 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, 6l, 12l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £21.50. Trio: £43.20. CSF: £20.47. Tricast: £56.22.

4.10 (2m 46yd) 1, BONNIFER (J Carroll, 5-1); 2, Royal Print (Kim McDonnell, 14-1); 3, Swordking (Paul Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Horizon, 5 Laabas (5th), 8 Ambuscade (4th), 10 Northern Judy, 11 Rack Rate, 12 A Gentleman Two (6th), 14 Trumpet, 25 April City, Sultan's Son, 50 Dances With Gold. 13 ran. ¾l, 4l, 2l, 7l, nk. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £9.00; £3.80, £6.10, £2.10. DF: £105.60. CSF: £78.83.

4.40 (7f) 1, DIME TIME (L Dettori, 2-7 fav); 2, Alpine Johnny (S Perks, 10-1); 3, Supermick (D Holland, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Dry Ginger, 20 Cizarga (6th), Curie Crusader (5th), 33 Capital Lady (4th). 7 ran. NR: Black Deed. 2½l, 6l, 2½l, 2l, 3l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.47.

5.10 (1m) 1, POP TO STANS (Elizabeth Turner, 13-2); 2, Royal Acclaim (P McCabe, 13-2); 3, Greek Gold (Darren Moffatt, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Super Heights (4th), 6 Saluting Walter, 9 Double The Stakes (5th), 10 Mexican Dancer, 11 Mai Pen Rai, 25 Kitty's Filly, 33 Captain Tandy, 50 Film Flam Aly, Sea-Ayr (6th), The Snout. 13 ran. Nk, nk, ¾l, nk, 2l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £8.70; £3.00, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £28.70. Trio: £23.00. CSF: £47.05. Tricast: £123.42.

Placepot: £94.50.

□ Hereford and Plumpton abandoned.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.55 Cavers Yangous
2.25 Dawn Rock
2.55 Midnight Jazz
3.25 Strat's Legacy
3.55 APOLLO RED (nap)
4.25 Slades Hill
4.50 Milngavie

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.55 CAVERS YANGOUS.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.55 DURLSTON HEAD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,422: 6f) (7 runners)

101 (6) 5 ACHILLES HEEL 10 (K P Lesure) C Allen 9-0 E Guest –
102 (2) 24- CAVERS YANGOUS 102 (F Lenhead) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver [top]
103 (7) 038-6 CURTIS THE FIRST 7 (J Daniels) M Dixon 9-0 A Clark 74
104 (1) 322342 MONSIEUR PETONG 3 (BF) (M Channon) M Channon 9-0 A Tucker 94
105 (4) 00- STEADY RISK 181 (J Bridger) J Bridger 9-0 T Williams –
106 (3) 06-5 ON THE WING AGAIN 10 (A Campion) M Campion 8-9 L Dettori 74
107 (5) 066630- POSSIBILITY 120 (E) (Mrs L Simpson) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 J Williams 89

BETTING: 2-1 Cavers Yangous, 5-2 Monsieur Petong, 9-2 Curtis The First, 6-1 Possibility, 8-1 On The Wing Again, 12-1 Achilles Heel, 20-1 Steady Risk.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

CAVERS YANGOUS 5½l 4th of 7 to Dogi in a maiden at Doncaster (6f, good). CURTIS THE FIRST best effort when 2l 3rd of 7 to Flair Lady in a seller at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) in July. MONSIEUR PETONG 2½l 2nd of 4 to Rocketeer in a handicap here (AW, 7f). ON THE WING AGAIN 8l 5th of 6 to Random in a claimer here (AW, 5f). POSSIBILITY 8l 3rd of 10 to Salvezza in a maiden auction at Warwick (6f, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: CAVERS YANGOUS

2.25 DUNGENESS POINT CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,795: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

201 (6) 0-21 DAWN ROCK 11 (G) (G Lang) P Hallway 9-1 M Wigham 93
202 (4) 00650-5 VAYELLO 21 (B) (J Szebeck) C Smith 8-9 K Rutter (5) 80
203 (5) 0- COUPLES 210 (A Campion) M Campion 8-6 M Hills –
204 (3) 000506- LITTLE LUKE 113 (Mrs B Armstrong) P Butler 8-5 N Adams 73
205 (1) 03553-4 LIVELY 14 (B) (A Perry) G Lewis 8-2 Paul Eddery [top]
206 (2) 0000-0 SOUND MAN JIMACK 28 (J Bridger) J Bridger 8-1 T Williams –

BETTING: 5-4 Dawn Rock, 11-4 Lively, 5-1 Vayello, 10-1 Little Luke, 14-1 Couples, 20-1 Sound Man Jimack.

FORM FOCUS

DAWN ROCK beat Guards Brigade neck in a 10-runner maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). VAYELLO 12l 5th of 10 to Herr Trigger in a seller here (AW, 1m). COUPLES 32l last of 7 to Blurred Image in a maiden auction at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). LITTLE LUKE 7l 6th of 15 to Arctic Diamond in a nursery at Leicester (7f, good to soft). LIVELY 11 3rd of 12 to Nordance Prince in a nursery here (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. SOUND MAN JIMACK 27l 11th of 12 to Levaltian Mystery in a seller here (AW, 7f).
Selection: DAWN ROCK

2.55 LANGNEY POINT CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,173: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

301 (3) 103-312 BEVERLY KNIGHT 14 (CD,BF,G) (Miss K Grocott) D Murray Smith 4-10-0 C Rutter 98
302 (4) 122-12 MIDNIGHT JAZZ 35 (CD,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 96
303 (1) 46060-1 ECU DE FRANCE 14 (V,CD,G) (D Knight) M Madgwick 4-9-10 J Weaver 90
304 (5) 10224/1 NOBLELY 14 (CD,G) (O Cowgill) N Walker 7-9-10 L Dettori [top]
305 (2) 23300-5 CREDIT SQUEEZE 10 (F) (R Naylor) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-6 D Holland 95
306 (6) 3 FLOLAURE 14 (G) (Yahya Nasib) G Lewis 4-9-1 Paul Eddery 78

BETTING: 2-1 Noblely, 11-4 Beverly Knight, 7-2 Midnight Jazz, 11-2 Ecu De France, 10-1 Credit Squeeze, 20-1 Flolaure.

FORM FOCUS

BEVERLY KNIGHT beat Lowawatha 1l in a 6-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start. MIDNIGHT JAZZ 4l 2nd of 5 to Slight Risk in a handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f). Previously beat Distatte ¾l in an 8-runner handicap over course and distance with BEVERLY KNIGHT (6lb better off) 3½l 3rd. ECU DE FRANCE beat Ranglet 8l in an 11-runner maiden over course and distance. NOBLELY, also hurdles winner here, beat BEVERLY KNIGHT (4lb better off) 3l in a 3-runner rated stakes over course and distance with FLOLAURE (4lb better off) 10l 3rd. CREDIT SQUEEZE 6½l 5th of 12 to Mad Militant in a handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f).
Selection: NOBLELY

3.25 BISHOP'S ROCK AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,002: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

401 (8) 1100/11 VIEW FROM ABOVE 10 (C,D,F,G) (P Green) N Walker 8-11-7 J Durkan 96
402 (6) 43050-0 ROSEATE LODGE 8 (F,G) (Astaire & Partners Ltd) K Burke 8-11-7 S Astaire (6) 93
403 (7) 3002-51 CHIEF OF STAFF 18 (F,G) (The Exclusive Partnership) J Pearce 5-11-4 Mrs L Pearce 98
404 (2) 6005-04 ONE OFF THE RAIL 7 (CD,G) (K Higson) A Moore 4-10-12 Mrs J Moore (5) 89
405 (9) 4103-54 STRAT'S LEGACY 24 (CD,F) (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 7-10-7 Mrs D Arbuthnot (3) 98
406 (5) 020016- CAPTAIN MARMALADE 56 (C) (C Whitwood) D Thom 5-10-5 Miss Diana Jones 97
407 (10) 2306-55 OUR EDDIE 7 (V) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 5-9-13 Mrs M Busby (6) [top]
408 (3) 6040-01 SPORTING SPIRIT 39 (B,G,S) (P Kneatsey) D Chapman 4-9-0 M Kneatsey (6) 90
409 (4) 505-06 TOP GUNNER 3 (V) (M Barden) J Long 4-9-0 R Blyth (6) 79
410 (1) 00/00- BARNIEMEBOY 19J (V) (D Henley) P McEntee 4-9-0 Miss Elaine Mills (6) –

Long handicap: Sporting Spirit 8-11, Top Gunner 8-3, Barniemeboy 7-4.

BETTING: 5-2 View From Above, 4-1 Chief Of Staff, 11-2 Strat's Legacy, 7-1 One Off The Rail, 8-1 Roseate Lodge, 10-1 Sporting Spirit, Captain Marmalade, 14-1 Our Eddie, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

VIEW FROM ABOVE beat Mitiraa 6l in a 10-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap here (AW, 1m 2f). CHIEF OF STAFF beat Gold Surprise 4l in a 10-runner amateur riders' handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). ONE OFF THE RAIL 5¾l 4th of 8 to Legal Artist in a handicap over course and distance with OUR EDDIE ½l 5th. STRAT'S LEGACY 17½l 4th of 13 to Don't Drop Bombs in an amateur riders' handicap over course and distance. CAPTAIN MARMALADE beat CHIEF OF STAFF (5lb worse off) neck in a 14-runner amateur riders' handicap here (AW, 1m 2f) on penultimate start. SPORTING SPIRIT beat Barley Cake head in a 10-runner amateur riders' claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f).
Selection: VIEW FROM ABOVE (nap)

3.55 HURST POINT LIMITED STAKES (£2,557: 1m) (9 runners)

501 (8) 5026-13 APOLLO RED 10 (V,C,G) (C Sparrowhawk) A Moore 5-9-0 N Adams [top]
502 (2) 15/00-50 CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 7 (CD,G) (M Barden) J Long 4-9-0 Paul Eddery 83
503 (5) 5060- GRANVILLE CORNER 186 (Doubloon Partnership) B McMath 4-9-0 E Johnson 84
504 (1) 041-145 LOCHORE 10 (D,G) (L Devine) R Ingram 4-9-0 Dale Gibson 97
505 (9) 032-331 SIR NORMAN HOLT 14 (B,C,D,F,G) (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 5-9-0 D Biggs 94
506 (6) 43-3606 VILLAGE GREEN 15 (B) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-0 D Holland 92
507 (4) D4000-1 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 10 (CD,G) (M Thurgood) M Usher 5-9-0 L Dettori 91
508 (7) 4324-54 ZEBOIM 3 (B,C,F,G) (R Haim) W Muir 8-9-0 Kim McDonnell 98
509 (3) 0003-05 HARVEST ROSE 22 (D,F) (E Badger) O O'Neill 5-8-9 A Clark 89

BETTING: 3-1 Whatever's Right, 4-1 Sir Norman Holt, 9-2 Zeboim, 6-1 Apollo Red, 8-1 Lochore, 12-1 Village Green, 16-1 Harvest Rose, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

APOLLO RED beat Speedy Classic 5l in a 16-runner handicap here (AW, 7f) on penultimate start with SIR NORMAN HOLT (8lb better off) 2½l 3rd and VILLAGE GREEN (7lb better off) 17½l 15th. LOCHORE 3¾l 5th of 11 to Marowins in a handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 110yd). SIR NORMAN HOLT beat Courting Newmarket 3½l in a 10-runner rated stakes here (AW, 7f) with CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 2¾l 5th. VILLAGE GREEN 6½l 6th of 8 to Farndale in a maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). WHATEVER'S RIGHT beat Harry 2l in a 10-runner maiden over course and distance. ZEBOIM 4l 4th of 12 to Pytchley Night in a claimer here (AW, 7f). HARVEST ROSE 4¾l 5th of 11 to Pop To Stans in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 110yd).
Selection: WHATEVER'S RIGHT

4.25 EDDYSTONE HANDICAP (£3,173: 6f) (8 runners)

601 (6) 00041-2 SAMSOLOM 35 (CD,F,G) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 6-9-13 J Quinn 95
602 (5) 60053-3 RUNNING GLIMPSE 35 (CD,F,G) (Copyforce) Miss B Sanders 6-9-11 D Wright (5) 95
603 (3) /4-3131 CROFT IMPERIAL 14 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs B Matthews) M Johnston 7-9-10 J Weaver 95
604 (4) 56/0-02 FIGHTING TEMERAIRE 10 (Hannes Bobac) C Wall 5-9-6 L Dettori 93
605 (7) 3505-45 PRETONIC 24 (CD,F,G) (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 6-9-2 T Williams 94
606 (2) 1650-45 SERIOUS HURRY 17 (C,F,G) (R Berenson) C Elsey 6-8-7 D Holland 96
607 (8) 41000-0 SLADES HILL 15 (D,F,G,S) (Oakfield Nurseries Partners) T Barron 7-8-2 Paul Eddery [top]
608 (1) 0600-00 HEATHYARDS GEM 11 (D,G) (Mrs B Morgan) R Hollinshead 4-8-1 A Garth (5) –

BETTING: 3-1 Fighting Temeraire, 4-1 Croft Imperial, 5-1 Samsolom, 6-1 Pretonic, 8-1 Running Glimpse, Serious Hurry, 10-1 Slades Hill, 14-1 Heathyards Gem.

FORM FOCUS

SAMSOLOM 8l 2nd of 6 to Agwa in a handicap over course and distance with RUNNING GLIMPSE (1lb better off) 1l 3rd and PRETONIC (5lb better off) 4l 4th. RUNNING GLIMPSE better effort when 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Rhythmic Dancer in a handicap here (AW, 5f) on penultimate start. CROFT IMPERIAL beat Kalar ¾l in a 7-runner handicap here (AW, 5f). Best previous effort beat Samson-Agonistes ¾l in a 12-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). FIGHTING TEMERAIRE neck 2nd of 7 to Second Colours in a handicap here (AW, 7f). SERIOUS HURRY 2¼l 5th of 7 to Tee-Emm in a claimer here (AW, 5f).
Selection: FIGHTING TEMERAIRE

4.50 NEEDLES HANDICAP (£2,534: 2m) (11 runners)

1 (6) 12-5524 ARCTIC GUEST 21 (C,F,G) (J Starbuck) C Smith 4-10-0 K Rutter (5) 98
2 (10) 0-23111 ARC BRIGHT 15 (CD,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-9-13 L Dettori 98
3 (1) 28041-4 RAGTIME SONG 42 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Kiernan) A Moore 5-9-9 N Adams 93
4 (3) 2-11023 MILNGAVIE 10 (D,F,G,S) (A Robertson) M Johnston 4-9-7 J Weaver 98
5 (5) 1002/ DELIFFIN 119J (D,F) (Mrs G Tenneman) R Flower 8-9-4 R Price –
6 (2) 0/00-110 MEDIATOR 31 (CD,G) (N Jones) A Moore 5-8-13 A Clark 97
7 (9) 302-424 KOVALEVSKIA 31 (C,D,F,G,S) (D Wilson) D Wilson 9-8-7 G Bardwell 95
8 (8) 020-006 RACHELLY 7 (G Hope) C Wildman 4-7-13 C Rutter 83
9 (4) 05050-4 WOODMANS STAR 15 (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 4-7-10 J Quinn [top]
10 (11) /55000- GO FORUM 195 (F,G) (Miss V Markowski) R Flower 9-7-8 – 94
11 (7) 0-60660 MELISIO 3 (D Major) C Wildman 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 93

BETTING: 7-2 Arc Bright, 4-1 Milngavie, 6-1 Arctic Guest, Mediator, 7-1 Ragtime Song, 8-1 Kovalevskia, 12-1 Woodmans Star, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC GUEST 7l 2nd of 9 to White Willow in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 6f) on penultimate start with MILNGAVIE (7lb worse off) 12l 7th. ARC BRIGHT beat MILNGAVIE (1lb better off) neck in a 10-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 2m) with WOODMANS STAR (4lb better off) 3l 4th. Previously beat Sure Prida 5l in a 6-runner handicap over course and distance with ARCTIC GUEST (8lb better off) 19l 4th. RAGTIME SONG beat KOVALESKIA (12lb better off) 15l in an 11-runner amateur riders' handicap over course and distance on penultimate start. MILNGAVIE 2l 3rd of 7 to Nomax Lad in a handicap here (AW, 1m 5f). MEDIATOR beat Alqairawaan neck in an 11-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start with KOVALEVSKIA (2lb better off) 1l 4th. KOVALEVSKIA 2l 2nd of 14 to Kanyatta in a selling handicap here (AW, 1m 5f) on penultimate start.
Selection: MILNGAVIE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Walker	3	6	50.0	L Dettori	39	108	36.2
R Hollinshead	16	66	24.2	Emma O'Gorman	36	160	22.5
W O'Gorman	34	157	21.7	K Rutter	12	54	22.2
T Barron	10	48	20.8	J Weaver	11	52	21.2
M Johnston	21	105	20.0	M Hills	28	176	15.9
D Murray Smith	14	72	19.4	J Williams	51	371	13.7

Holy Wanderer on mark

DAVID Arbuthnot's decision to miss the valuable Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury last Saturday with Holy Wanderer in favour of Wolverhampton's Flat programme yesterday was rewarded with victory in the Hearts And Roses Handicap.

John Williams took the five-year-old to the front over a furlong out and claimed a decisive win over Rasayel. It was Holy Wanderer's third all-weather success of the winter, supplementing two Southwell victories.

"He is in the Sunderlands Imperial Cup [at Sandown on March 12] but I don't know if he will run," Arbuthnot said. "He enjoys the all-weather so much I might decide to continue on that."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Doncaster given poor cup reward

DONCASTER will take encouragement from their rugby league upset of Oldham on Sunday, but a quarter-final tie in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at St Helens will pose a sterner examination of the remaining second division club (Christopher Irvine writes). Wigan, attempting to win the cup for the seventh successive time, should have an easy ride at home to Featherstone Rovers.

The thought of facing Bradford Northern would have troubled Leeds before their comprehensive victory over Warrington at the weekend, but that fine fifth-round win and another tie at Headingley will probably favour Leeds' advance to the semi-finals for the second consecutive season. The championship match tomorrow will be a guide to form in the tie between Castleford, whose run in cups has been outstanding, and Widnes, last year's beaten finalists.

DRAW: Leeds v Bradford Northern; St Helens v Doncaster; Castleford v Widnes, Wigan v Featherstone Rovers. *Ties to be played on the weekend of February 26 and 27*

Seles out of rankings

TENNIS: Monica Seles, the women's world No 1 until she was stabbed in the back by a spectator at a tournament in Hamburg last April, yesterday dropped out of the world rankings. Seles, who has not taken part in a competitive match since the incident, had not played the specified three tournaments during a 52-week period and was dropped from the Women's Tennis Association rankings. Seles, 20, had fallen steadily in the rankings since being forced on to the sidelines and was ranked eighteenth last week. The winner of seven grand slam singles titles, she was ranked No 1 from September 1991 until June last year.

Doubts over Clarke

RUGBY UNION: Ben Clarke, the Bath No 8 who withdrew from England's weekend training because of a bruised arm, is not certain of playing in the five nations' championship match against Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday. Clarke was hurt when his club colleague, Andy Reed, fell on him during the international against Scotland. He is to have fluid drained from the arm and will have a better idea of his prospects tomorrow. If he is not fit, England could move Tim Rodber from flanker to No 8 and recall John Hall, who was dropped from the team that won at Murrayfield.

Bush under fire

BADMINTON: The Badminton Association of England said yesterday it would investigate reports that Peter Bush played in the Danish league in Copenhagen on Sunday when he was scheduled to play in the semi-finals of the national championships at Norwich. Bush had pulled out on Saturday after winning a quarter-final against Peter Smith, apparently because he had an ankle injury. "We will check the truth of the reports and speak to Peter Bush when he returns home," an association spokesman said.

Descent to victory

CRESTA RUN: James Sunley, 31, has become the first Briton for 29 years to win the Grand National, the blue riband event of the St Moritz Tobogganing Club. Over three runs he finished 1.25sec ahead of Johannes Badrutt, of Switzerland, the 1990 winner, and 2.56sec clear of third-placed Giancarlo Pitsch, who like Badrutt is a native of St Moritz. Sunley follows in the tradition of Sqn Ldr C. N. C. Mitchell, who won all the classic races at St Moritz during the Fifties and Sixties.

Peking shuns tennis

TENNIS: China's first professional women's tournament made an inauspicious start yesterday when it failed to attract a single paying spectator. No tickets were sold for the first day's play of the China Women's Open, being staged in the 6,000-seat National Olympic Sports Centre in Peking. "No single ticket has been sold today," an official said. "People in China have not had much interest in the sport." The 100 or so spectators who did attend were either invited guests or from the media.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Luton v Millwall (7.45)
Portsmouth v Leicester (7.45)
Second division
Cardiff v Bournemouth
Third division
Carlisle v Shrewsbury
Anglo-Italian Cup
Semi-final, second leg
Notts County v Southend (7.45)
Pescara v Brescia (8.15)
Autoglass Trophy
Semi-final north
Stockport v Huddersfield (7.45)
GM Vauxhall Conference
Witton v Stafford
Scottish League
First division
Clyde v Dunfermline
Falkirk v Stirling
Second division
Cowdenbeath v Montrose

FA TROPHY: Second-round replays: Enfield v Worthing; Gretna v Gateshead, Macclesfield v Worcester.
DRINKWISE CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Yeovil (2) v Bromsgrove (1) (7.45)
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorking v St Albans; Hayes v Dulwich. First division: Bishop's Stortford v Walton and Hersham; Bognor Regis v Billericay; Heybridge v Purfleet; Staines v Berkhamsted; Wembley v Barking. Second division: Lewes v Collier Row.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Halesowen. Midland division: Armitage v Weston-super-Mare; Bedworth v Rushden and Diamonds; Bridgnorth v Bilston. Southern division: Buckingham Town v Witney; Erith and Belvedere v Newport IOW; Gravesend and Northfleet v Wealdstone.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division cup: Bamber Bridge v Farsley Celtic.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Coventry (7.0); Leeds v Liverpool (7.0); Sheffield United v Everton (7.0). Second division: Bradford v Blackpool (7.0), Grimsby v Tranmere (7.0); Manchester City v Rotherham (6.45), Oldham v Middlesbrough (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION (2.0): *First division: Crystal Palace v Bristol Rovers*; West Ham United v Swindon. Postponed: Arsenal v Ipswich. Second division: Swansea v Birmingham.
CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Burscough, Flixton v Salford, Glossop North End v Bacup; Prescot v Eastwood Hanley.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Bridgend; Bedford v Bedfordshire County (3.0); Barry Hill v Tredegar; Clifton v RAF; Maesteg v Nantyffyllon; Mountain Ash v Old Illtydians; Neath v OG Davies XV; South Wales Police v Swansea.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Men's National Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Guildford Kings (68) v Worthing Bears (71) (8.0).
SNOOKER: International Open (Bournemouth).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	10	65	good	powder	fair	sun	-3	13/2
	Very cold first thing, -17°C at top station							
Obergurgl	105	155	good	varied	good	sun	-10	11/2
	Good skiing on all pistes							
Schladming	45	150	good	powder	icy	sun	1	12/2
	Good skiing in very cold temperatures							
St Anton	60	300	good	powder	good	fine	-5	14/2
	Excellent skiing on sparkling snow							
FRANCE								
Chamonix	40	345	good	good	fair	cloud	-5	10/2
	Extremely cold conditions keeping snow in great shape							
Flaine	130	350	good	good	good	cloud	-2	10/2
	Icy patches forming on some runs							
La Plagne	150	310	good	varied	good	snow	-7	14/2
	Excellent skiing, particularly above 2000m							
Megève	40	150	good	varied	good	cloud	0	10/2
	All pistes good right into the village							
Tignes	150	280	good	varied	good	snow	-7	14/2
	Wind affecting lifts and skiing							
Val d'Isère	125	340	good	varied	good	snow	-7	14/2
	Good skiing everywhere but poor visibilty							
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	105	120	good	varied	good	sun	-4	11/2
	Very good skiing conditions							
Gstaad	25	75	good	varied	good	fair	-3	10/2
	Good skiing remains. Very few queues							
Klosters	60	200	good	powder	good	fine	-2	11/2
	Wonderful skiing on all slopes							
Mürren	70	160	good	varied	good	cloud	-3	13/2
	Good skiing available everywhere							
Wengen	35	100	good	powder	good	fine	-3	13/2
	All pistes in excellent condition							
Zermatt	65	230	good	heavy	fair	cloud	-6	10/2
	Very cold and flat light all day							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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World record-holder slips up again

Olympic failures return to haunt despairing Jansen

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HAMAR

AS CUMULATIVE failures go, it is on a par with Jim Ryun at the Olympic Games 1,500 metres in 1968 and 1972. Perhaps worse. Dan Jansen, who is to speed skating what Carl Lewis is to the Tartan track, will reflect for the rest of his life on a mistake he will never understand.

It was the final of the men's 500 metres yesterday. In the old sporting cliché Jansen, 28, from Wisconsin, the same state as the five-times gold medal-winner, Eric Heiden, had only to stand up to win. That, of course, means nothing in the Olympic Games, as Jansen is unlikely to forget. This was his fourth attempt.

Swimming around in that dark well of despair that remains with defeated Olympic favourites a long time, all Jansen could say was: "I'll just have to live my life without an Olympic 500 metres gold medal." Neither he nor those listening were wanting to believe it.

As he went to the line with Sean Ireland, of Canada, the second pair out on new ice, he could never have contemplated that he would finish eighth. Was he not the world sprint champion from only a couple of weeks ago in Calgary? In that race, he skated 35.76sec, breaking his own world record. No other skater has covered the distance in less than 36sec.

Nagging at the back of his mind, though, were the past Olympic failures: fourth at Sarajevo, when he was 19, two falls (in the 500 metres and 1,000 metres) at Calgary in 1988, and then fourth again at Albertville, in France, two years ago. This, surely, was to be his moment.

The ice, he thought, was just a little bit harder than it had been all week, but he was not inclined afterwards to make excuses. Just shocked, like somebody involved in an accident. That indeed is what it was.

Liu Hongbo, of China, first out and fourteenth in time rankings, set a moderate target of 36.54sec. Jansen was heading for a time of close to 36-flat as he entered the second bend of the 400-metres track: a race of three straights and two bends. Taking those bends at some 30mph may be like a wire-walk between skyscrapers above Park Avenue, but he had no need to worry. He has done it 100,000 times before.

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Suddenly, 15 metres into the second bend, his left skate, angled underneath him far to the right of the vertical line of his centre of gravity, breaks away. There is a puff of ice splinters, and his left hand clutches the ice as he almost goes down.

Frantically trying to balance, yet trying also to maintain momentum, he loses the edge a second time. In five strides the story of his sporting life has been irreconcilably cast in stone.

The three-tenths of a second he has lost on the bend would have won him the gold medal, would not have left him with a sense of emptiness that will always be there, however happy and fulfilled he may be in the rest of his life.

For heaven's sake, who was this Russian winner, aged 21, Alexandre Golubev, a mere fourteenth in Calgary? That, Dan Jansen, is the Olympics.

"It's not a place that I have ever slipped before," Jansen said, searching for reasons for his disaster that were not available. "It's strange, because all week it felt great. I was gripping it really well. I wasn't nervous. I was so confident I felt I would skate a world record. Everyone knows I'm the best, but I wasn't today." Jim Ryun knew he was the best when he fell at Munich, and he could not believe God could do this to him."

Vainly did Jansen say he was not a quitter. By 1998, in Nagano, Japan, he will be 32, and for a sprinter there will not be a lot left to quit. When things go wrong, he insisted, he works hard to get better, but nobody could say to him that there is probably now no tomorrow.

So he hid his pain by saying he felt bad for his wife, Robin, for his mum and dad, yet all the while we knew he was feeling terrible for himself, deserted by fate. And why? Why today? He would have to see it on the video, he said, yet it was apparent that it would only be to revive his nightmare.

If, momentarily, Jansen might have thought that at least a silver medal was to be saved, when Roger Stroem, of Norway, crashed spectacularly on the same bend in the next run, he was quickly disillusioned as, in succession, Manabu Horii and Junichi Inoue, both from Japan, and Sergei Klevchenya, of Russia, who had finished second in Calgary a fortnight ago, all overtook him.

Yet no sooner had Klevchenya's 36.39sec seemed conclusive than Golubev, on the ninth run and with the ice by now severely serated, scorched into the lead with 36.33. The Norwegians among the crowd of 10,000 generously cheered him to the echo, but poor Jansen wasn't listening.

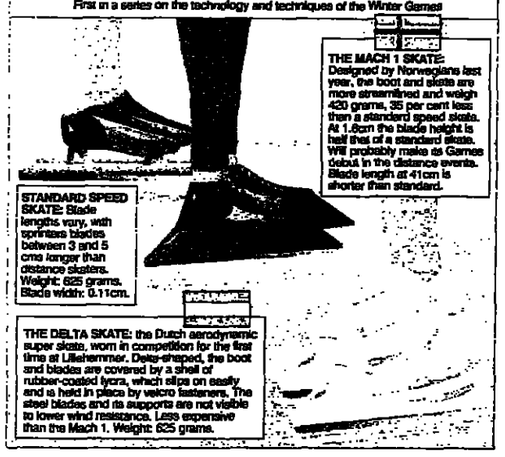
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Jansen, right, analyses with his coach the error that condemned him to eighth place in the 500 metres speed skating

CUTTING EDGE: THE SPEED SKATES

First in a series on the technology and techniques of the Winter Games



THE MACH 1 SKATE: Designed by Norwegians last year, the boot and skate are more streamlined and weigh 420 grams, 35 per cent less than a standard speed skate. At 1.8cm the blade height is half that of a standard skate. Will probably make its Games debut in the distance events. Blade length at 41cm is shorter than standard.

STANDARD SPEED SKATE: Blade lengths vary, with sprintass blades between 3 and 5 cms longer than distance skaters. Weight: 625 grams. Blade width: 0.11cm.

THE DELTA SKATE: the Dutch aerodynamic super skate, worn in competition for the first time at Lillehammer. Delta-shaped, the boot and blades are covered by a shell of rubber-coated lycra, which slips on easily and is held in place by velcro fasteners. The steel blades and its supports are not visible to lower wind resistance. Less expensive than the Mach 1. Weight: 625 grams.

Moe slips to third after first stage of combined

THE Norwegian world title-holder, Lasse Kjus, upstaged the new Olympic downhill champion, Tommy Moe, in the downhill leg of the combined event at Kvitfjell yesterday.

Kjus took the honours ahead of two Americans, Kyle Rasmussen and Moe, but the racers must wait 11 days before they can settle the issue with the slalom at Hafjell, the other Alpine skiing venue.

"I didn't take so many risks at the bottom of the course," said Moe, who had celebrated his downhill triumph at a party on Sunday evening but had no trouble getting his mind back on racing.

Kjus, second in the starting order, clocked 1min 36.95sec on the 2,829-metre course which traced much the same path as Sunday's downhill on the Olympibakken slope but from a lower starting point.

Rasmussen was one hundredth of a second slower and Moe 0.19sec behind the Norwegian. But the Americans are expected to find it hard to stay in touch in the slalom section, which is not their speciality.

Kjetil Andre Aamodt, who took the silver on Sunday, finished in sixth place and is well in contention. Aamodt, a supreme all-rounder, was second to Kjus in the combined at the 1993 world championships in Morioka, Japan, where he won both the slalom and giant slalom.

The two Norwegians have taken the first two places in the two World Cup combined events completed so far this season, Kjus winning in Kitzbühel, and Aamodt having the edge in Chamonix.

Jilly Curry, of Britain, will miss the freestyle moguls event today. She is still troubled by a knee injury picked up in Sweden last week.

"Obviously she is a bit disappointed. She skied gently today with her leg lightly strapped, but it is probably best that she saves herself for the aerials," her coach and husband, Robin Wallace, said.

Michael Dixon, who carried the flag for Britain at the opening ceremony, has been ordered to rest for two days because of a heavy cold and fever but hopes to resume training on Thursday. Dixon finished twelth in the 20 kilometres race in Albertville.

Although not directly attributing his ills to hours spent carrying the Union Jack on Saturday — both in morning rehearsals and the ceremony itself — he confessed: "I was chilled to the bone. It wasn't the root cause because I felt something was wrong with my chest on Thursday or Friday — but it can't have helped."

RESULTS FROM WINTER OLYMPICS

ICE HOCKEY

POOL A: Germany 2 Norway 1; Czech Republic 7 Austria 3.
POOL B: Canada 7 Italy 2; United States 4 France 4.

ICE SKATING

PAIRS: Technical programme: 1, E Gordeeva and S Grinkov (Russ) 0.5pt, 2, N Mishkutenok and A Dmitriev (Russ) 1.0; 3, I Brasseur and L Eisler (Can) 1.5; 4, E Shishkova and V Naumov (Russ) 2.0; 5, R Kovarikova and R Novotny (Cz) 2.5; 6, Jenni M and T Sand (US) 3.0; 7, P Schwarz and A Koenig (Ger) 3.5; 8, M Wotzel and I Steuer (Ger) 4.0; 9, V Barezneje and O Sachov (Lat) 4.5; 10, D Carr and S Carr. (Aus) 5.0. British placing: 16, J Soames and J Jenkins 8.0.

LUGE

MEN'S SINGLES (four runs): 1, G Hackl (Ger) 3min 21.571sec (50.296sec, 50.560, 50.224, 50.491); 2, M Prock (Austria) 3:21.584 (50.300, 50.566, 50.168, 50.552); 3, A Zoeggeler (It) 3:21.833 (50.441, 50.601, 50.365, 50.426); 4, A Huber (It) 3:22.418 (50.598, 50.763, 50.546, 50.551); 5, W Suckow (US) 3:22.424 (50.698, 50.819, 50.359, 50.548); 6, N Huber (It) 3:22.474 (50.659, 50.838, 50.399, 50.580); 7, G Gleirscher (Austria) 3:22.569 (50.857, 50.811, 50.352, 50.549); 8, J Muller (Ger) 3:22.580 (50.563, 50.858, 50.297, 50.862); 9, A Demchenko (Russ) 3:22.827 (50.601, 50.863, 50.633, 50.530); 10, M Schmidt (Austria) 3:23.114 (50.864, 50.870, 50.750, 50.830). British placing: 28, P Hix 3:29.115 (52.410, 52.398, 52.073, 52.234).

NORDIC SKIING

MEN'S 30km FREESTYLE CROSS COUNTRY: 1, T Alsgaard (Nor) 1:12:26.4; 2, B Dhlie (Nor) 1:13:13.6; 3, M Mytlytas (Fin) 1:14.14.0; 4, M Botvinov (Russ) 1:14:45.8; 5, M De Zolt (It) 1:14:55.5; 6, J Isometsae (Fin) 1:15:12.5; 7, S Fauner (It) 1:15:27.7; 8, E Kristiansen (Nor) 1:15:37.7; 9, J Mushiegg (Ger) 1:15:42.8; 10, V Smirnov (Kaz) 1:16:01.8. British placing: 60, D Belam, 1:24:28.2

SKIING

MEN'S COMBINED EVENT (downhill section): 1, L'Kjus (Nor) 1min 36.95sec; 2, K Rasmussen (US) 1:36.93; 3, T Moe (US) 1:37.14; 4, C Mullen (Can) 1:37.33; 5, E Podivinsky (Can) 1:37.45; 6, K-A Aamodt (Nor) 1:37.49; 7, M Girardelli (Lux) 1:37.61; 8, K Ghedina (It) 1:38.14; 9, A Skaardal (Nor) 1:38.18; 10, A Fattori (It) 1:38.25. British placings: equal 18, G Bell 1:39.92; did not finish, W Gaylord.
WOMEN'S SUPER GIANT SLALOM DRAW: 1, D Rolfe (US); 2, I Kostner (It); 3, H Zurbriggen (Switz); 4, A Wachter (Austria); 5, D Compagnoni (It), 6, S Eder (Austria); 7, K Seizinger (Ger); 8, B Perez (It); 9, C Marie (Fr); 10, P Wiberg (Swe); 11, K Lee-Gartner (Can); 12, R Cavagnoud (Fr); 13, A Donzan (Slovenia); 14, H Garg (Ger); 15, K Koren (Slovenia).

SPEED SKATING

MEN'S 500 METRES: 1, A Golubev (Russ) 36.33sec; 2, S Klevchenya (Russ) 36.39; 3, M Horii (Japan) 36.53; 4, Liu Hongbo (China) 36.54; 5, H Shimizu (Japan) 36.80; 6, J Inoue (Japan) 36.83; 7, G Nicas (Nor) 36.86; 8, D Jansen (US) 36.88, 9, Y Miyabe (Japan) 36.72; 10, I Zhelezovsky (Belarus) 36.73.

All times GMT

09.00: Cross-country skiing, women's 5km classical: Luge, women's singles, first and second runs.
10.00: Skiing, women's super giant slalom.
11.30: Freestyle skiing, men's and women's moguls elimination.
14.00: Ice hockey, Sweden v Italy.
16.30: Ice hockey, United States v Slovakia.
19.00: Ice hockey, Canada v France; Figure skating, pairs, freestyle event.

BBC2: 14.15-15.00; 16.30-17.30; 20.30-22.30.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

NORWICH: English national championships: Men's singles: Final: D Hall bt P Knowles 15-3, 15-13. Men's doubles: Final: C Hunt and S Archer bt N Ponting and J Robertson 15-8, 18-17. Women's singles: Final: S Louis Lane bt F Smith 11-4, 11-1. Woman's doubles: Final: G Gowers and J Wright bt G Clark and J Bradbury 15-7, ret. Mixed doubles: Final: N Ponting and J Wright bt C Hunt and G Clark 15-9, 15-9.

BOWLS

MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TROPHY: Semi-finals: Kent 112 Cambridgeshire 107 (at Desborough, Maidenhead). Somerset 122 Nottinghamshire 118 (at Foxhill, Aylesbury).

BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: IBF junior welterweight championship: Jake Rodriguez (P Rico) bt Charles Murray (US, holder), pts.
BANGKOK: WBA flyweight championship: Saen Sor Ploenchit (Thai) bt David Griman (Ven, holder) pts

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster 70 (Joseph 16, Baker 14, Jones 13) Leicester 67 (Waldron 20, Harris 14, Tresvant 11); London 89 (R Scantlebury 27, Bowers, Bailey 17); Birmingham 86 (Thomas 36, Harrell 24, Simms 16); Guildford 64 (Brown 22, Polki 15, Miller 9), Thames Valley 57 (P Scantlebury 18, Hailey 12, Lloyd 9)

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota: NBA All-Star game: Eastern Conference 127 Western Conference 118.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	34	14	.708	—
Orlando	27	20	.574	6½
Miami	23	24	.489	10½
New Jersey	22	24	.478	11
Boston	20	27	.426	13½
Philadelphia	20	27	.426	13½
Washington	15	32	.319	18½
Central division				
Atlanta	34	13	.723	—
Chicago	34	13	.723	—
Cleveland	24	23	.511	10
Indiana	23	23	.500	10½
Charlotte	22	25	.468	12
Milwaukee	14	34	.292	20½
Detroit	11	37	.229	23½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest division				
Houston	34	12	.739	—
San Antonio	35	14	.714	½
Utah	31	18	633	4½
Denver	22	25	.468	12½
Minnesota	14	32	.304	20
Dallas	8	42	.125	29
Pacific division				
Seattle	35	10	.778	—
Phoenix	31	15	.674	4½
Golden State	27	20	574	9
Portland	27	20	.574	9
LA Lakers	18	29	.383	18
LA Clippers	16	29	.356	19
Sacramento	15	32	.319	21

CRESTA RUN

JOHANNES BADRUTT TROPHY: 1, W Shipton (GB) 145.97sec; 2, M Biancotto (Switz) 151.78; 3, R Sachs (Ger) 152.75, 6, P Rabl (GB) 155.79

CRICKET

ICC TROPHY (in Nairobi): Group A: Malaysia 118-9, Holland 122-1 (N Clarke 60 not out); Papua New Guinea 248-5 (C Amini 63, V Paoa 68 not out), Gibraltar 113 (F Arua 5-31), Gibraltar 80, Holland 85-0 (N Clarke 49 not out); Ireland v Papua New Guinea — no play, rain. Group B: East and Central Africa 92 (J Samarasekara 4-14, Arshad Laiq 3-18); United Arab Emirates 93-3 (Azher Saeed 44); Argentina 120, Bangladesh 123-3. Group C: Israel 99 (R Ali 4-26, D Tikolo 4-30), Kenya 100-1; Canada 159-8, Singapore 47-8 (no result), Singapore 76 (Asif Karim 5-20, Rajeo Ali 4-9), Kenya 77-1, Namibia 51 (Bhawan Singh 7-21), Canada 52-0. Group D: West Africa 93, Bermuda 94-2 (D Smith 54 not out), Denmark 192 (A Ahmed 61, S Brew 4-43), Hong Kong 192-8 (J Orders 83 not out, S Brew 42; O Mortensen 4-21) (Hong Kong won by losing fewer wickets)
TOUR MATCH: Vereeniging (third day of four): Australians 383 and 281-4 dec (M E Waugh 134, M A Taylor 75); Northern Transvaal 209 and 186 (P R Reiffel 4-57). Australians won by 249 runs.
CASTLE CUP: Johannesburg: Transvaal 418-7 dec and 118 (K Venter 5-14); Orange Free State 327-9 dec and 210-8 (G Liebenberg 62). Free State won by 4 wickets. Stellenbosch: Boland 351 and 276 (K Jackson 61); Natal 306 and 187 (D Crookes 52; C Henderson 4-25) Boland won by 134 runs

GOLF

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 271: C Pavin 67, 64, 72, 68. 273: F Couples 67, 67, 68, 71. 277: C Beck 66, 71, 72, 68. 278: B Faxon 70, 71, 68, 69. 279: D Frost (SA) 67, 74, 71, 67. 280: T Watson 69, 71, 71, 69; P Jacobsen 69, 71, 68, 72. 281: K Triplett 68, 76, 69, 68; L Clements 68, 74, 68, 71; J Delsing 67, 72, 69, 73; C Stadler 68, 69, 71, 73.
TAMPA, Florida: Seniors' tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 201: R Thompson 73, 57, 61. 202: R Floyd 70, 68, 66. 203: L Trevino 69, 68, 66. 205: C Moody 68, 69, 70. 206: D Finyan 70, 70, 66. M Hill 69, 64, 73. 207: J Colbert 68, 74, 65. 208: J C Snead 71, 71, 66; R Charles (NZ) 71, 70, 67, G Archer 68, 70, 72; S Haboday (SA) 71, 66, 71

MOTOR RALLYING

LONGCROSS STAGES (Surrey): 1, R Dennis (Metro 6R4) 59min 36sec; 2, P Lloyd (BMW M3) 60:32; 3, M Gentle (Metro 6R4) 61:13.
SNOWMAN RALLY (Scotland): 1, D Milne (MG Metro 6R4) 47:50; 2, N Dougan (Sierra Cosworth) 51:10; 3, G Gould (Escort Cosworth) 51:44

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Glenalmond 33 St Aloysius 12, QEGS Wakefield 16 Solihull 6

FOOTBALL

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Malvernians 0 Lancing 1; Reptonians 1 Cholmeleians 3. First division: Bradfieldians 4 Haileyburians 2; Foresters 3 Wykehamists 2; Wellingbourians 2 Ardinians 1.
FRENCH CUP: Second round: Toulouse 0 Monaco 2.
The following matches were postponed: DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage v Wokingham.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd v Watford.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Sunderland; Leicester v Bolton. Second division: West Bromwich v Scunthorpe.

SHOOTING

WOLVERHAMPTON: British air rifle championships: British open: Men: 1, D Ratray (Glasgow) 681.5; 2, N Wallace (Cambridge) 680.3; 3, A Morris (Swansea) 672.7. Women: 1, T Lunn (Wandsworth) 473.4; 2, H Jones (Burton) 473; 3, D Lawrence (Norwich) 470.9. Junior women: L Minet (Fareham) 497.6. Junior men: C Miles (Henley in Arden) 681.7. British native: Men: 1, Ratray 684; 2, Miles 681/68; 3, K Morriss (Sutton Coldfield) 561/97. Women: 1, Minet 378; 2, L Bryce (Henley in Arden) 376; 3, Lunn 376. Home countries international match: Men: 1, Scotland 1,733; 2, England 1,728; 3, Wales 1,706. Women: 1, England 1,132; 2, Scotland 1,104; 3, Wales 1,094

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday February 19 unless stated

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND
Not on coupons: Bolton v Aston Villa (Sunday), Bristol City v Charlton, Cardiff v Luton (Sunday); Kidderminster v West Ham, Oldham v Barnsley; Oxford v Chelsea, Wimbledon v Manchester United (Sunday); Wolves v Ipswich

FA PREMIERSHIP
2 Coventry v Man City
X Swindon v Norwich
Not on coupons: Blackburn v Newcastle; Everton v Arsenal, Leeds v Liverpool

FIRST DIVISION
1 Notm F v C Palace
1 Portsmouth v Grimsby
2 Watford v Derby
X West Brom v Leicester
Not on coupons: Birmingham v Notts County; Peterborough v Stoke

SECOND DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Wrexham
1 Bourn'm'th v Hartlepool
2 Exeter v Bradford
1 Fulham v Bristol R
X Hull v Cambridge
2 Leyton O v Burnley
1 Reading v Brentford
2 Rotherham v York

Not on coupons: Port Vale v Plymouth; Stockport v Huddersfield; Swansea v Barnet (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION
2 Chesterfield v Chester
1 Crewe v Bury
2 Doncaster v Walsall
1 Lincoln v Hereford
2 North'mton v Colchester
1 Rochdale v Carlisle
1 Scarboro v Gillingham
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1 Torquay v Darlington
1 Wycombe v Wigan

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1 Welling v Slough
X Witton v Yeovil

NORTHERN PREM LGE
PREMIER DIVISION
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BEAZER HOMES LGE
PREMIER DIVISION
1 Atherstone v Bashley
1 Chelmsford v Nuneaton
X Dorchester v Crawley
1 Famboro v Cambridge C
1 Gloucester v Trowbridge
X Grantley v Hednesford
1 Halesowen v Burton
2 Moor Green v Hastings
1 Stbrdg'me v Chelt'h'm
2 Waterlville v Corby
1 Worcester v Solihull

SCOTTISH CUP
FOURTH ROUND
1 St Johnstone v Stirling
Not on coupons: Aberdeen v Raith; Airdrie v Stranraer; Dundee v St Mirren (Sunday); Dundee United v Motherwell; Hibernian v Hearts (Sunday), Morton v Kilmarnock, Rangers v Alloa

SCOTTISH FIRST
Not on coupons: Clyde v Dunfermline

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Montrose v East Fife
1 O of Sth v Queen's Pk
1 Stenh'muir v Arbroath
Not on coupons: Alloa v East Stirling; Forfar v Cowdenbeath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams) Swindon, West Brom, Hull, Scunthorpe, Kettering, Macclesfield, Telford, Witton, Gainsborough, Leek, Dorchester, Gresley
BEST DRAWS: Swindon, Hull, Kettering, Witton, Leek.
AWAYS: Derby, Burnley, Chester, Marine, Boston.
HOMES: Blackpool, Bournemouth, Crewe, Lincoln, Torquay, Bromsgrove, Bishop Auckland, Atherstone, Gloucester, Stirlingbourne, St Johnstone, Stenhousemuir.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Blackpool, Crewe, Torquay, Gloucester, Stirlingbourne. Aways: Derby, Burnley, Chester. Draws: Swindon, Kettering, Witton.

☐ Vince Wright

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 4 Peterborough 4; Cardiff 6 Durham 3; Murrayfield 7 Sheffield 5; Billingham 5 Basingstoke 8; Whitley Bay 9 Humberside 0. First division: Chelmsford 0 Guildford 9; Lee Valley 4 Slough 13; Medway 3 Telford 12; Milton Keynes 11 Swindon 8; Oxford 12 Dumfries 12; Paisley 6 Blackburn 3; Solihull 7 Romford 7; Trafford 7 Streatham 8.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 3 Dallas 5; Edmonton 3 Anaheim 6; Philadelphia 0 Pittsburgh 3; San Jose 1 Chicago 0; Florida 2 Vancouver 1; Tampa Bay 3 New Jersey 3 (OT).

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic division

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
NY Rangers	35	15	4	74	197	143
New Jersey	30	18	7	67	202	156
Florida	25	20	10	60	159	148
Washington	27	25	4	58	183	171
Philadelphia	25	28	4	54	197	213
Tampa Bay	21	23	7	49	180	170
NY Islanders	21	27	6	48	184	187
Northeast division						
Montreal	30	20	8	68	191	164
Boston	28	18	10	66	184	159
Pittsburgh	27	18	11	65	201	200
Buffalo	27	24	6	60	189	154
Quebec	21	29	5	47	177	196
Hartford	20	31	6	46	164	194
Ottawa	9	42	8	26	149	268

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central division

Detroit	32	18	5	69	245	192
Dallas	31	20	7	69	210	187
Toronto	29	17	11	69	190	159
St Louis	28	21	8	64	185	190
Chicago	25	25	6	56	164	160
Winnipeg	17	34	7	41	169	233
Pacific division						
Calgary	30	19	9	69	216	177
Vancouver	28	27	2	58	192	189
San Jose	21	24	11	53	157	175
Anaheim	22	32	4	48	163	180
Los Angeles	21	28	6	48	205	218
Edmonton	15	38	8	38	179	219

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH: International Open (England unless stated): First round: J Ferguson bt J McLaughlin (N Ire) 5-3; M Bennett (Wales) bt S Murphy (Ire) 5-4; N Terry bt J Johnson 5-2; J O'Boye bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-4; M Price bt G Ponting 5-2; D Reynolds bt N Gilbert 5-2; T Jones bt M O'Neill (N Ire) 5-3, D O'Kane (NZ) bt D Harold (Eng) 5-4; D Roe bt R Hull (Fin) 5-2; A Davies (Wales) bt M Johnston-Allen 5-2; J Swail (N Ire) bt I Graham 5-4; J Burnett (Scot) bt P Bodon 5-4, N Bond bt W Jones (Wales) 5-3; M Hallett bt M Wing 5-4; T Drago (Malta) bt D Fowler 5-1; A McManus (Scot) bt D Finbow 5-4; G Wilkinson bt C Wilson (Wales) 5-1; A Knowles (Engl bt A Hamilton (Eng) 5-4, J White (Eng) bt D Henry (Sco) 5-1.

HOCKEY

Women
EAST SUPER LEAGUE: Cambridge City 0 Welwyn Garden City 1; St Albans 0 Bexleyheath 1; Saracens 3 Redbridge 1; Sevenoaks 0 Hemel Hempstead 0.
MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Kettering 2 Belper 2; Loughborough Students 2 Crimson Ramblers 0; Loughborough Town 0 Hampton-in-Arden 1; Tamworth 0 Aldridge 0.
WELSH LEAGUE: Colwyn Bay 1, Swansea 3, Cwmbran 0, Newtown 7, Haverfordwest 2, Penarth 1, Newport 0, Newtown 1.
WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth 0 Leamington 0; East Gloucestershire 2 Cheltenham 2; Gloucester 3 Exeter II 0; Redland 3 Exeter 1; Swindon 0 Weston-super-Mare 0; Wimborne 1 St. Austell 2.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	9	6	2	1	17	6	20
Leicester	9	6	1	2	15	9	19
Slough	9	5	3	1	14	5	18
Highdown	10	5	1	4	12	9	16
Sutton Coldfield	10	4	3	3	12	11	15
Clifton	9	1	3	5	7	14	6
Ealing	9	1	2	6	9	18	5
Chelmsford	9	1	1	7	5	19	4

TENNIS

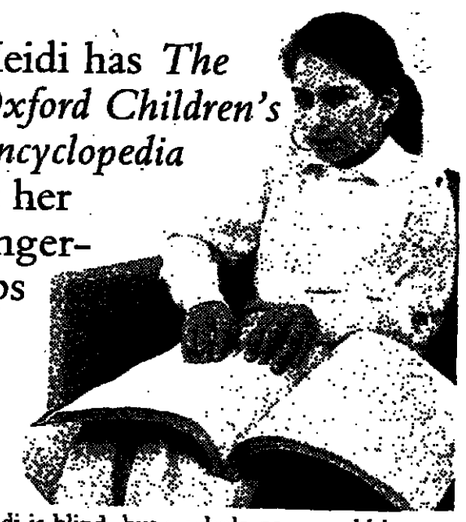
STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: C Pioline (Fr) bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; A Tcherkasov (Russ) bt J Svensson (Swe) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; H Leconte (Fr) bt J Sánchez (Spl 6-2, 7-6.
MEMPHIS, Tennessee: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Final: T Martin (US) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-4, 7-5.
CHICAGO: Women's tournament: Final: M Maleeva (Bul) bt C Rubin (US) 6-3, 7-6.
PEKING: Women's tournament: First round: Chen Li (China) bt N Pratt (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; J Byrne (Aus) bt A Kerek (Ger) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Fifth round: Purra Sunderland 2 David Lloyd Rembrer 1; Topcon Darlington 1 Barnard Castle School 2; Upper Armley Leeds wo Graves Sheffield; Hallamshire Sheffield 3 Huddersfield 0; Bilston 1 Edgbaston Priory 2; Watchorn Alfreton 0 Repton School 3; Batchwood St Albans 2 David Lloyd Bushey 1; Hazelwood 0 Connaught 3; Roehampton 0 Carlton 3; Middlesex University 3 Queen's 2; BBC 1 David Lloyd Finchley 3; Royal Berkshire 3 David Lloyd Heston 0; Chris Lane Woking 2 Delta Swindon 1; Crawley 2 Sutton Junior B 1; Surrey Country Club 1 Pavilion and Avenue Howe 2; Maidstone 1 Sutton Junior A 2; Parklangley Bromley wo Deal; West Herts Bournemouth wo Bourne Farnham; Kingsley 0 Meach Point Southampton 3.
ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,573pts; 2, M Stich (Ger) 3,229; 3, J Courier (US) 2,925; 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,631; 5, S Edberg (Swe) 2,542; 6, A Medvedev (Ukr) 2,415; 7, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,277; 8, T Martin (US) 2,242, 9, M Chang (US) 2,144; 10, M Gustafsson (Swe) 2,091. British rankings: 119, J Bates 374; 124, M Petchey 359, 128, C Wilkinson 357; 173, C Bailey 229; 188, A Fraser 206; 272, T Henman 117; 347, N Gould 77; 364, M MacLagan 71; 372, B Cowan 66; 411, D Sapsford 56; 454, C Beecher 48.

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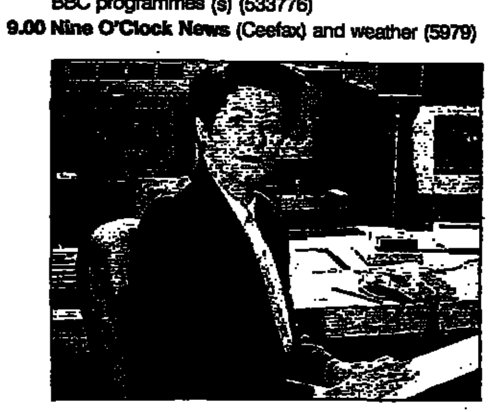
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (56573)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (54303405)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion (7974757)
9.45 Newshound. News quiz (s) (5601641)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (9636912) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3106047)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (38892115)
12.15 Pebble Mill with Judi Spiers (4269824) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (55960912)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (74318)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49975660)
1.50 The Great British Quiz (s) (49986776)
2.15 Columbo: An Exercise in Fatality. Columbo's *powers are tested when he investigates murder and* fraud at a string of health clubs (119863)
3.50 Teddy Trucks (2199689) **3.55 Sick as a Parrot.** Crossword puzzle (s) (9139009) **4.10 Jackanory: Who Stole a Bloater?** First of a three-part story by Frances Thomas and read by Rachel Bell (7253134) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (2536450) **4.35 Hangar 17** (Ceefax) (s) (6889028)
5.00 Newsround (8145009) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Curiosity lands Dennis in hot water (2118825)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (r) (s) (901047)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (776)
6.30 Regional news magazines (888)
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando presents the show from Iceland while Sue Cook drives into the Australian Outback. Eamonn Holmes concludes his reports from the Spanish Costas and John Pitman samples a curious holiday in New York. (Ceefax) (s) (9196)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (912)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam reveals some more of the tricks used by film-makers *(Ceefax) (s)* (598592)
8.45 Points of View, presented by Anne Robinson. This week, the people of Thetford, Norfolk, comment on BBC programmes (s) (533776)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (5979)



Lynn Redgrave reports on a rape case (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Calling the Shots.** (Ceefax). (s) (7213660). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 Video Diaries 10.05 Calling the Shots 11.25 Living with the Enemy 11.55-1.40am Film: Brighton Beach Memoirs
10.50 CHOICE ***Living with the Enemy: Hot Tips and Cold Facts.*** (668979). **Northern Ireland:** The Hungry Eye 11.20 Living with the Enemy 11.50-1.35am Film: Brighton Beach Memoirs
11.20 FILM: Brighton Beach Memoirs (1986). An autobiographical Neil Simon comedy dealing with *the problems of an adolescent 15-year-old boy in a* New York Jewish family just before the Second World War. Directed by Gene Saks. (Ceefax) (882979)
1.05am Weather (9098603) Ends at **1.10**
2.45-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (93603) **3.15 Legal Network Television** (90516)

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Maths Modelling: seat belts (6188592) **7.10** Engineering Mechanics: designing a lift (6017757) **7.35** Technology: Eurekaaargh! Part 1 (8384592)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2227641)
8.15 Westminster Daily. (7206009)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Bump (58105776) **1.25** Just So Stories (58104047) **1.30-1.40** *Rupert the Bear* (60874467)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r)(11327738)
2.15 Olympic Grandstand. The first women's Alpine ski medals are awarded in the super-giant slalom and there is action from the first run of the women's luge *and 5km combined cross-country event for women* (1824298)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** with live coverage of Prime Minister's Questions (Ceefax) (5962844) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7652080)
4.00 Today's the Day. *Martyn Lewis presents the daily* nostalgia quiz (s) (641)
4.30 Olympic Grandstand. The semi-finals of the freestyle moguls, the second run in the women's luge and ice hockey action between Sweden and Italy (45196)
5.30 Film 94 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (405)

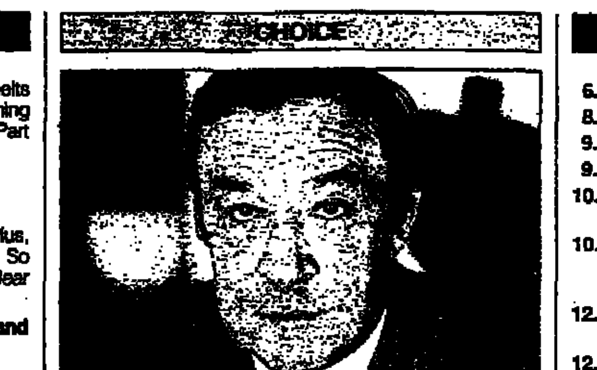


Silver prospectors Caine and Warner (6.00pm)

6.00 FILM: Silver Bears (1978), starring Michael Caine. Stylish comedy drama about an Italian prince who steals Mafia money in the hope of making a fortune from a silver mine. With David Warner. Directed by Ivan Passer (Ceefax) (75500660)
7.50 Richardson on Picasso. John Richardson argues that Picasso was not only the century's greatest painter, but also its greatest sculptor (Ceefax) (796863)
8.15 Picasso and the Model. An art historian examines the artist's portraits of Sylvette Davide, a beautiful 19-year-old French girl Picasso painted obsessively, and discovers a twist to the story (s) (557221)
8.30 Olympic Grandstand. The climax of the figure skating pairs as well as ice hockey action between Canada and France (22486)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (893134)
11.15 Sixties Babylon. Music and film of the swinging decade (r). (309405)
11.55 Weather (106115) **12.00-1.30 Modelling and the Modelling Cycle** (74245) **2.00-4.00 Night School: Search Out Science** (83993)

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CHOICE



Janek Weber hid from the Nazis (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Children of the Holocaust
ITV, 10.40pm

During the Second World War the Nazis and their allies are said to have murdered 1½ million Jewish children. They were starved, shot or gassed in the death camps. But, much against the odds, some children did survive and four tell their stories in this painful and moving film. A Czechoslovak boy, ten when the war broke out, describes how he came through the horrors of Auschwitz. A young Pole spent two years hiding from the Nazis in a tiny room he was not allowed to leave. In Budapest a young man, homeless and hungry, fed himself on the still warm flesh of a dead horse. A Belgian girl was taken in by Catholics and changed her name to hide her Jewish background. In deference to the subject, the film is being shown without commercial breaks.

Calling the Shots
BBC1, 9.30pm

Hardly recognisable with a severe haircut and an Irish accent, Lynn Redgrave plays a television journalist living on her nerves in this two-part drama by Laura Lamson. Redgrave's Maggie has a lot to be harassed about. Her show is failing to grab the viewers and she must go for more popular subjects. Things are little better domestically. She lives alone, in a state of chaos, and her former lover is dying of cancer. Lamson, hitherto best known for adapting *The Men's Room,* is not content to leave it there. Maggie makes a programme about a rape case and the ratings soar. The bad news is that she gets abusive phone calls and is implicated in a suicide. Lamson's hectic scenario is high on incident but low on credibility.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Body *matters make up tonight's contributions to the* series on the good and bad ideas of the 20th century. A bad idea, according to the feminist writer Erica Jong, is bodyism, or making women believe they have to be slim. In Hitler's Germany, the Nazis prescribed the ideal female body shape. This fascism is now promoted, Jong says, by the diet and fashion industries. Women are needlessly punishing themselves because they are told that fat is bad. To Jong's credit she does not entirely blame men. A good idea is plastic surgery but the novelist Will Self has a funny way of justifying it. His playlet, in which he appears a painter undergoing a face-lift, could almost be an argument for the other side.

Living With the Enemy
BBC1, 10.50pm

The series on family tensions signs off by looking at rifts between parents and teenagers. As before, families in front of the cameras reveal their private feelings, however uncomfortable. The Raymonds admit that they spend much of their time having rows and offer us a sample. One of the main troubles is that daughter Joanna gets on much better with Dad than Mum. At least she has stayed in the family home. Steven, 18, left his to get away from nagging parents. He claims to enjoy the freedom but has no job and exists on social security benefits. The programme also explores the effect on children when one of the parents takes on a new partner. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (36284347)
8.35 *Parkin's in ...* *Cartoons* (7337689)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. (s) (8360844)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3182467)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical studio debate (s) (2026467)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (38886554) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8776467)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3803592)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (3888283)
1.25 Home and Away. Angel's new houskeeping job turns out to be little short of slavery (Teletext) (97584912)
1.55 It's a Vet's Life. A special edition looks at the horses and men of the Household Cavalry (Teletext) (94493234)
2.25 A Country Practice. (s) (43629009)
2.50 The Young Doctors. Medical drama (3102844)
3.20 News (Teletext) and weather (8974047)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (8973318)
3.30 Rainbow (9154318) **3.40 Tots TV** (7683950) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (7689134) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (7257950) **4.15 Hurricanes** (s) (8722738) **4.40 The Tomorrow People.** Drama series about time travellers (Teletext) (2909660)
5.10 Home and Away (Teletext) (r) (5488221)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (235641)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (36009)
7.00 Emmerdale. Frank has some bad news for Christopher, while Michael becomes suspicious of Pollard's generosity (Teletext) (7592)
7.30 Gangsters. London criminals talk about their part in some of Britain's biggest crimes and reveal the ugly, violent side of their business (680)
8.00 The Bill. A young girl is missing and police have a suspect in mind, but DCI Meadows is not convinced (Teletext) (3912)

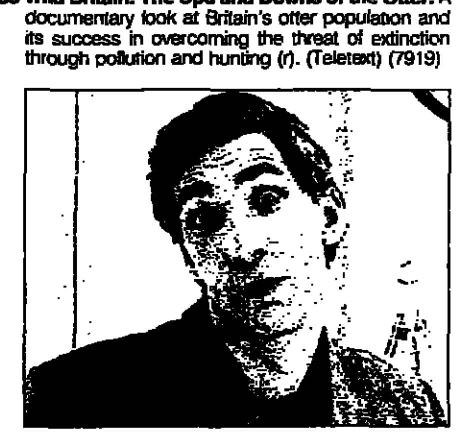


Music hosts Elton John and RuPaul (8.30pm)

8.30 The Brit Awards 1994. The music industry's annual awards ceremony, recorded last night at Alexandra Palace in north London (s) (98370)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (28592)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (358196)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Children of the Holocaust** (Teletext) (243080)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (925905)
12.30 The Beat. Music and film reviews (44413)
1.30 FILM: The Good Life (1987). A doctor with political ambitions tries to hide his affair with his secretary, but then his wife discovers she has contracted a sexually-transmitted disease. Spanish film with English dialogue. Directed by Fernando Colomo (90055) **3.30 America's Top Ten** (s) (57429)
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (29993)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (71974)
5.30 ITN Morning News (54158)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (6159080)
7.00 The Big Breakfast *(57641)*
9.00 Sabotage. All-female quiz game hosted by Maria McErlane (s) (98711)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! Discovering Japan (5606196) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen: How to Find Out (5634979) **10.00** Fourways Farm (9643202) **10.10** Living with Technology (4508689) **10.27** Timelines (9830825) ***10.44*** *Living and Growing (1918592)* ***11.00*** *Science* in Focus: Exemplars (9489365) **11.22** Stage One. Materials (7534028) **11.40** How We Used to Live. Expansion, Trade and Industry (3694738)
12.00 House To House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (25405)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is singer James Taylor *(81776)* ***1.30 Alfred J. Kwak.*** *Animation (r) (41931)*
2.00 FILM: By the Light of the Silvery Moon (1953) starring Doris Day and Gordon MacRae. Musical sequel to *On Moonlight Bay.* Marjorie is delighted when her beau William returns unscathed from the First World War, but less than happy when he puts their wedding plans on hold. Directed by David Butler (570825)
3.50 The Most Wonderful Egg in the World. Cartoon (r) (2182399)
3.55 A Brush With Art. Alwyn Crawshaw demonstrates the use of the latest art tools and paints a scene of Polperro harbour (r). (Teletext) (6633844)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (221)
5.00 *The Oprah Winfrey Show.* *The guests are five* families who have taken part in a month-long experiment to see if a regular dinner with all the members of the family attending has improved relations between the generations. (Teletext) (s) (8336573) **5.50 Laurel and Hardy.** Animated version (967844)
6.00 Batman. Gotham City's finest do battle with the Joker (Cesar Romero) (486)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games review (s) (738)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (405370) **7.50 Comment.** (Teletext) (685318)
8.00 Grow Your Greens with Sophie Grigson (r). (Teletext) (1554)
8.30 Wild Britain: The Ups and Downs of the Otter. A documentary look at Britain's otter population and its success in overcoming the threat of extinction through pollution and hunting (r). (Teletext) (7919)



Will Self undergoes a face-lift (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: Bad Ideas of the 20th Century – Bodyism.** (Teletext) (496738) **9.45 Good Ideas of the 20th Century – Plastic Surgery.** (Teletext) (s) (103825)
10.00 FILM: Life Is Sweet (1990) starring Alison Steadman and Jim Broadbent. Mike Leigh's comic portrayal of suburban English family life. (Teletext) (s) (251825)
11.55 Football Italia – Mezzanotte. Highlights of Foggia v Reggiana (487757)
12.55am Wynton Marsalis – Blues and Swing. A documentary portrait of the trumpeter, seen giving master classes at Harvard and performing with his quartet (r) (6381974). Ends at **2.05**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Kevin Greening (**FM** only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Story of Pop: Alan Freeman's history of pop music today features Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley, and Kris Kristofferson (6/52) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with .. Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** The Jack Benny Story: *See Choice* **10.00** *Rhyme and Rhythm* **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** The Jungle Book, by Rudyard Kipling (2/5) **10.25** *Johnnie Walker* ***12.30pm*** *A Century* Remembered (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Kiss Me Quick: Final part of the comedy soap **7.15** Benjamin Black **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** And Then He Kissed Me **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** *International Recital* ***9.00*** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Alexis Korner's Rhythm 'n' Blues **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** No Money, No Music **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** *Multitrack 1* **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *To the Lighthouse* **2.45** Sharp Talents **3.00** World News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World *News* ***11.05*** *World Business Report* **11.15** International Recital **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '94 **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Richard Astbury **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons talks to Imogen Cooper **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** *The Opera Guide* **8.00** Evening Concert: Quilter (Children's Overture), Bizet (Jeux d'enfants), Mozart (A Musical Joke); Debussy (Children's Corner); Leopold Mozart (Toy Symphony); Tchaikovsky (Sleeping Beauty) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3182467) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (8776467) **1.55** A Country Practice (49970115) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8973318) ***5.10-5.40*** *Swot or Wot?* (5488221) **6.00** Home and Away (223912) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (639080) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (680) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (358196) **12.35am** The Virgin and the Gypsy (607210) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1343142) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9196852) **4.10** Jobfinder (5344210) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (71974)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3182467) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (8776467) **1.55** Shortland Street (49970115) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3102844) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8973318) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5488221) **6.00** Home and Away (223912) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (639080) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (680) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (358196) **11.40** The Equalizer (751844) **12.35am** The Powers That Be (7507968) **1.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1144158) **2.05** The Big E (2349264) **2.55** Riviera (1462055) **3.25** The Beat (7913626) **4.20** Jobfinder (1183500) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3790764)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West News (3182467) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8776467) **1.55** A Country Practice (49970115) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8973318) **6.00** HTV News (844) **6.30-7.00** Animal Country (196) **7.30-8.00** Good Health! (680) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (358196) **12.35am** The Virgin and the Gypsy (607210) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1343142) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9196852) **4.10** Jobfinder (5344210) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (71974)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (3182467) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (8776467) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (8973318) **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six (844) **7.30-8.00** Grass Roots (680) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (358196)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3182467) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8776467) **1.55** A Country Practice (49970115) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3102844) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8973318) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (964757) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (844) **6.30-7.00** Surprise Chefs (196) **7.30-8.00** Charlie Bravo (680) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (358196) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (71974)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55-2.25 A Country Practice (49970115) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (679573) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (196) **7.30-8.00** Lives in Focus (680) **11.40** And Then You Die (288711) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (2973606) **2.25** The Twilight Zone (3463245) **2.55** Sport AM (9536061) **3.55** Stage Three (1063603) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2460061)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Westcountry Latest (8776467) **1.55** The Young Doctors (94493234) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (43843689) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (36009) **7.30-8.00** Roadrunner (680) ***12.35*** *Film: The Virgin and the Gypsy* (607210) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1343142) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9196852) **4.10** Jobfinder (5344210) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (71974)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49970115) **3.15-3.20** Crusader Rabbit (8977134) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bliedale: Network North (8973318) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (679573) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (196) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (680) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (358196) **11.40** And Then You Die (288711) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show *(2973606)* *2.25 The Twilight Zone (3463245)* **2.55** Sport AM (9536061) **3.55** Stage Three (1063603) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2460061)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (57641) **9.00** Sabotage (98711) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (699592) **12.00pm** House To House (25405) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (42660) **1.00** The Wonder Years White Lies (67028) **1.30** Nature Perfected Gardens Of Conquest (41931) **2.00** The Late Late Show (48405) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show My Sister Stole My Husband (5957912) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (7667776) **4.00** Slot 23 (739) **4.00** Troi A Throi (8734573) **4.20** Yr Enwog Wmffre Hargwyn (8743221) **4.45** Tochaban (9158931) **5.00** Moviewatch (5370) **5.30** Countdown (573) **6.00** Newyddion/6 (336950) *6.20 Cwlwm Serch (205641)* **6.25** Heno (660950) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5134) **7.30** Llwyd Bach Y Baw (950) **8.00** Shotolau (1554) **8.30** Newyddion/news (7919) **9.00** Cutting Edge The Club (8554) **10.00** The Golden Girls (26134) **10.30** Dim Tafod (50028) **11.30** Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (71405) **12.30am** Walk On The Wild Side: Hackers and Phreakers (31719)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: The Cosmos **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Humperdinck (Prelude, Sleeping Beauty); Bloch (Baal Shem); Haydn (Baryton Trio in A (H XI 71); Cowell (Hymn and Fuguing Tune No 10); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Book 7 No 38, Adieu); Delibes (Coppelia, Act 1 — excerpt)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rawsthorne and Ireland. Ireland (Scherzo and Cortège, Julius Caesar); Rawsthorne (Piano Concerto No 1); Ireland (Sarnia — an Island Sequence); Rawsthorne (Fantasy Overture, Cortèges)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Philip Wilby (Partita on the Krakov Fanfare: Fine Arts Brass); *Larsson (Pastoral Suite: BBC* Philharmonic); Walton (Violin Concerto); Messiaen (Le baiser de l'enfant-Jesus, Vingt Regards); Busoni (Sonatina No 6, Carmen Fantasy); John Foulds (Mantra of Bliss, Op 61 No 2); Tim Souster (La Marche)
12.00 Music Restored: The Image of Melancholy (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fedor Glushchenko performs Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor: Bernard Roberts); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish)
2.40 Steven Isserlis, cello, and Leslie Howard, piano, play Bach, arr Busoni (Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue in D *minor, BWV 903); Rubinstein* (Cello Sonata No 2 in G, Op 39) (r)
3.30 The American Symphony: Ives (The Unanswered Question: Milwaukee SO); Thomson (Symphony on a Hymn Tune: Monadnock SO); *Copland (Short Symphony:* Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); William Schuman (Symphony No 3)
5.00 The Music Machine: Byte the Music. Mike Edwards, with his group Jesus Jones, demonstrates how samplers, sequencers and vocal recordings are used for live performances
5.15 In Tune: Bell George presents music, news and arts stories. Including at **6.30** Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2 in F)
7.30 Der Prinz von Homburg: See Choice
9.40 One Man's Meat ... The organist Gillian Weir describes as "formless" and "decadent" the music of a 20th-century composer
9.55 Coull Quartet performs Verdi (String Quartet in E minor); Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 76 No 5) (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter discusses the burgeoning success of the news media
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Concert Orchestra under Christopher Adey, with Rebecca Hirsch, violin, performs Chausson (Poème); Martinů (Symphony No 3)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl *6.30, 7.00, 7.30,* **8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Canon Eric James **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 from 8am
10.00-10.30 Homing In ... on Haworth (*FM* only): Claire Rayner recalls the places she has called home (2/3)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): John. Read by Tony Britton (7/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Photographer Sally Soames joins Jenni *Murray to launch the Woman's Hour/Radio Times* "Capture the World" photography competition. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Word of Mouth: Talk Back in Anger. Frank Delaney discusses the language of rows **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: House Spirit, by David Self. When boarder Eddie drives a stolen car to his death, his school is forced to confront the boy's private anguish, expressed in his poems. With Richard Pearce
2.30 Mirrored in Music: Andrew Green invites the singer Elizabeth Connell to choose music which reflects the spirit of her native South Africa
3.00-4.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 Opinion (FM only): For Art's Sake. Art students should serve a formal apprenticeship, *argues Peter Blake (r)*
3.30 Idle Tears (FM only) (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Nicholson Baker's controversial novel, *The Fermata,* and talks to the playwright Sarah Daniels
4.45 Short Story: Willem Prinsloo's Peach Brandy, by Herman *Charles. Read by Stratford* Johns
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Final part (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Stephen Titherington reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Skeletons in the Closet: Veronica Reinhardt reveals more family secrets
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey. Read by John Turnbull (4/12)
11.00 Mediumwave, presented by Joanna Coles (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

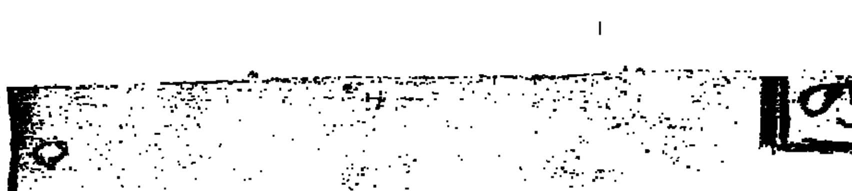
CHOICE

Der Prinz von Homberg. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

It may be of academic interest only, but I thought it worth mentioning that this BBC studio production of Hans Werner Henze's opera was the first digital recording broadcast by the BBC. That was in 1988. The narrator was — and still is — Derek Jacobi. The eponymous prince is sung by Roland Hermann, and Ronald Zollman conducts the BBC Scottish Orchestra. The opera's libretto, by Ingeborg Bachmann, was fashioned from Heinrich von Kleist's play. Jacobi's English narration was penned by Jonathan Griffin.

The Jack Benny Story. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

The mythology surrounding the celebrated American comedian, who died 20 years ago yesterday, has grown so thick that it has all but obscured the truth about him. He never was — how *could* he have been? — the meanest man in America, or the worst violinist. This documentary, too, finds him not guilty on the first count and only spasmodically *guilty on the second. Nick Yapp's script is fleshed out* with the recollections of Benny's daughter, Joan, and long-time friends such as Bob Hope and Milton Berle. **Peter Davalle**



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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73926202) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5048467) **9.10** Cartoons (4479689) *9.30 Card Sharks (4001973)* **9.55** *Concentration* (3451234) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6974028) **10.30** Love at First Sight (45283) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (90370) **12.00** Urban Peasant (69863) **12.30pm** E Street (60080) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (98863) **2.00** Shogun (82863) **3.00** Another World (7790793) **3.45** DJ Kat (8084047) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9757) **6.00** Games World (9080) **6.30** E Street (3660) **7.00** M*A*S*H (1196) **7.30** Full House (9844) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (26660) **9.00** Melrose Place (13196) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (16283) **11.00** The Untouchables (11863) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (11516) **1.00am** Night Court (20671) **1.30** In Living Color (59871)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (81283) **9.30** ABC Nightline (46824) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (78399) **11.30** Japan Business (34757) **12.30pm** News and Business (72115) **1.30** CBS News (73844) **2.30** Parliament Live (1237912) **3.15** Parliament Live (4979738) **4.30** News and Business (6757) **5.00** Live at Five (858283) **7.30** Target (7486) **9.30** *Talkback (68486)* ***11.30*** *CBS News (86979)* **12.30am** ABC News (71535) **1.30** Target (34351) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (91238) **3.30** Talkback (96784) **4.30** Target (62622) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (44992)

SKY MOVIES

6.05am Showcase (67373641)
10.00 American Flyers (1985): Kevin *Costner enters a cycling race (71198)*
12.00 The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1969): Paul Newman plays a blundering soldier sent to rescue top brass (63738)
2.00 The Way West (1967): Pioneers cross the great plains of America (13902486)
4.10 The Wizard of Speed and Time (1988): A man becomes a special-effects artist. Starring Mike Jittlov (66391080)
6.00 American Flyers (as 10am) (27399)
8.00 A Private Matter (1993): Sissy Spacek has an abortion after taking Thalidomide. With Aidan Quinn (22844)
10.00 Wedlock (1990): Futuristic drama starring Rutger Hauer (184689)
11.45 Coupe De Ville (1991): Estranged brothers are reunited (254467)
1.20am Scorchers (1990): Two women lose their innocence in the Deep South (4832993)
2.45 Year of the Gun (1991): A reporter investigates terrorism in Rome (829897)
4.30 The Wizard of Speed and Time (as 4.10am) (67177). Ends at **6.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Smashing Time (1967): Northern lasses Rita Tushingham and Lynn Redgrave arrive in London looking for adventure and romance (70365)
8.00 The Innocents (1961): Spooky tale with Deborah Kerr as a governess in charge of two children (78946115)
9.45 On the Beach (1959): Fred Astaire, Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner survive a nuclear blast (41004641). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Delta Space Mission Animated science-fiction adventure (3418329)
7.15 The Distant Home (1990). An Australian couple discover their daughter is the future ruler of the galaxy (74568047)
9.00 Robin Hood Animated fun (45979)
10.00 The Hireling (1973). A 1920s chauffeur falls in love with his aristocratic mistress. With Robert Shaw (79738)
12.00 The Tall T (1957): A rancher (Randolph Scott) attempts to rescue a woman held hostage by outlaws (54080)
2.00pm A Child is Waiting (1963): Burt Lancaster and Judy Garland devote their lives to caring for children with learning difficulties (38405)
4.00 The Distant Home (as 7.15am) (6641)
6.00 Driving Me Crazy (1991): A public school boy is driven home for Thanksgiving by his mother's vulgar new boyfriend (18641)
8.00 The Commitments (1991). Acclaimed drama about a Dublin soul band (20486)
10.00 Soapdish (1991). Satire set behind the scenes of a soap opera (417554)
11.40 Coopersmith (1991): Grant Show investigates a murder (583860)
1.05am One Good Cop (1991): Michael Keaton cares for three orphans (948790)
2.50 Persona (1966): An actress and a nurse swap personalities (1918622)
4.15 Driving Me Crazy (as 6pm) (486622). *Ends at 6.00*

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (39283) **7.30** Soccer News (9681202) **7.45** WWF (9731689) **8.30** Snowboarding (58844) **9.00** Prime Bodies (49196) **9.30** Trucks and Tractors (82399) **10.00** Open Snooker (6246738) **6.00pm** Soccer News (534937) **6.15** WWF (711283) ***7.00*** *Basketball (59047)* ***9.00*** *Open Snooker* (73592) **10.00** Soccer News (533202) **10.15** Football Show (375202) **11.15** Golf Tips (506283) **11.45** Hockey (370757) **12.45-2.45am** German Football (707177)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Olympic News (65757) **6.30** Olympic Morning (29318) **7.00** Alpine Skiing (67592) **8.00** *Ice Hockey (75283)* ***9.00*** *Luge* (67592) **9.30** Cross Country Skiing (33738) **10.30** Luge (14793) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (38979) **12.30pm** Freestyle Skiing (60196) **2.00** Ice Hockey (781047) **4.30** Olympic News (1876554) **5.15** Ice Hockey (3231414) **5.55** Medal Ceremony (5364825) **7.00** Figure Skating (8799950) **10.30** Tennis (88467) **11.30** Olympic News (35234) **12.00** News (40993) **12.30am** Ice Hockey (85871) **2.30** Olympic News (95790) **3.00** News (60413) **3.30-5.00** Ice Hockey (94806)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4412979) **7.30** Neighbours (4491486) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4881573) **8.30** EastEnders (4880844) **9.00** The Bill (4871196) **9.30** Driving Ambition (4429399) **10.30** Wings (1292931) **11.30** The Sullivans (4016115) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4884660) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1004844) **1.00** EastEnders (4404850) **1.30** The Bill (1003115) **2.00** Shelley (2991931) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5353009) **3.00** Dallas (4010931) **4.00** The Colbys (8494405) **4.55** Blankety Blank (76466196) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (46257825) **6.30** EastEnders (5378318) **7.00** Adrian Mole (2902047) **7.30** Brush Strokes (5367202) **8.00** Shelley (2988467) **8.30** Bread (2990202) **9.00** Callan (2317641) **10.00** The Bill (4892689) **10.30** Carrott (4878009) **11.00** Top of the Pops (7362134) **11.35** Dr Who (5356592) **12.05am** FILM: Blood on the Moon (1948, b/w). Robert Mitchum discovers his best friend is a villainous cattleman (17391974) **1.35** Video Bites (78030239) **2.00** Shopping (4359134)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Droibee Time (76399) **7.00** RatKan II (4186047) **7.15** Gravedale High (162370) **7.45** Pugwall (161641) **8.15** Head to Head (9724405) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (99414) **9.00** Zazou U (98486) **9.30** Around the World (2262757) **10.10** Wideabout (4253955) **10.30** Swamp Thing (87370) **11.00** Saved by the Bell (78573) **11.30** Beakman (79202) **12.00** Smoggies (99450) **12.30pm** You Can't Do That on Television (35405) **1.00** Jayce (36283) **1.30** Flash Gordon (34776) **2.00** Madeline (2486) **2.30** Shoe People (5278370) **2.45** Baber (703776) **3.15** RatKan II (3618467) **3.20** Nitwits (2010399) **3.40** Spiff (6399573) **3.55** Head to Head (5578573) **4.00** Beakman's World (1008) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (3221)

NICKELODEON

7.00am-6.00pm Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. Continuous cartoons

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Global Family (5368931) **4.30** Coral Reef (5364115) **5.00** Going Places (2600641) *5.55 Postcards (6205848)* **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4258370) **7.00** Durrell in Russia (2900689) **7.30** Bush Tucker Man (5365844) **8.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (2986009) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World (2998844) **9.00** Wings (2315283) **10.00** Disappearing Worlds (2318370) **11.00-12.00** Deep Probe (4499641)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: High Tide at Noon (1957, b/w). Love among the lobsters (3024405) **2.00pm** FILM: She'll Have to Go (1962, b/w): Two brothers hanker after the family inheritance (2589689) **3.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (16205252) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5362757) **4.30** My Three Sons (5351641) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (2917979) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5375221) **6.00** The Invisible Man (5372134) **6.30** Torchy (5363486) **7.00** The Partridge Family (2313835) **8.00** The Avengers *(2322573)* ***9.00*** *FILM Gaslight (1940,* b/w): Charles Boyer tries to drive his bride, Ingrid Bergman, insane (66437080) **10.45** Art Linkletter (5736825) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (4025863) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (3000825)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (4809216) **8.00** Your Child *(1915950)* ***8.30*** *Bon Voyage (1914221)* ***9.00*** Days of Our Lives (6167844) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4057950) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (6970234) **11.30** Floyd (3290776) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77931689) **12.15pm** Living (58843660) **12.30** Housecalls (9964370) **1.00** First Time Garden (5405689) **1.30** Bon Voyage (9963641) **2.00** Agony Hour (4065979) **3.00** Living (7148318) **3.45** Gladrags (69737554) **4.00** Definition (1789467) **4.30** Infatuation (1718979) **5.00** Musquest (7402365) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5433202) **5.45** Kilroy (4278806) **6.30** Madhur Jaffrey (1780196) **7.00** Material World (3002509) **7.30** That's Amore (1779080) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2226399) **9.00** FILM Constance (1984): A teacher fantasises about stars (75003047) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (6413467) **11.00** *Cagney and Lacey (5482738)* **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (8309072)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Big Brother Jake (3738) **5.30** Black Stallion (4573) **6.00** Wonder Years (1486) **6.30** Catchphrase (2738) **7.00** All Clued Up (6202) **7.30** Pyramid Game (4950) **8.00** Cats Eyes (19318) **9.00** Lou Grant (99554) **10.00** *Trivial Pursuit (19979)* ***10.30*** *Evening Shade* (95399) **11.00** Remington Steele (46660) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (97974)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (550595) **8.00** Ingo (534486) **11.00** Soul (34825) **12.00** Greatest Hits (16370) **1.00pm** Simone (305641) **3.30** The Report (8392047) **3.45** At the Movies (6380202) **4.00** News (6706405) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6796028) **4.30** Dial MTV (2979) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (91573) **7.00** Greatest Hits (20888) **8.00** Most Wanted (87405) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (24399) **10.00** The Report (342047) **10.15** At the Movies (330202) **10.30** News at Night (181486) **10.45** 3 from 1 (179641) **11.00** Rock Block (36912) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (13622) **2.00** Night Videos (3687535)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (83825) **7.00** Regional News (31738) **7.30** Asian Morning (43573) **8.00** Hindi News (49919) **8.30** Urdu News (9775919) **8.45** English News (8220824) **9.00** Sitara Aur Mehrunisa (18863) **10.00** Bengali FILM (270776) **1.00** Andaaz (30009) **1.30** FILM: Insaniyat Ke Dushmen (197979) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7047) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (9399) **7.00** Mirza Ghalib (4134) **7.30** Newstrack (9486) **8.00** English News (721844) **8.15** FILM: Ghar Aya Mera Pardesi (87875776) **11.15** Saheel (945196) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8149887) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35801968)

TNT

Theme: Crime and Punishment
7.00pm I Thank a Fool (1962): A doctor agrees to help her lover die (68891573)
8.55 Going Home (1971): A man who murdered his wife attempts to rebuild his relationship with his son. With Robert Mitchum, Jan-Michael Vincent (25244115)
10.45 The Unknown Man (1951, b/w): Walter Pidgeon and Ann Harding star in a tale of murder and justice (50602467)
12.20am Payment Deferred (1932, b/w): A man poisons his rich nephew (57229784)
1.50 Guilty Hands (1931, b/w): An attorney plans the perfect murder (64525719)
3.15 Shadow on the Wall (1950, b/w): A psychiatrist treats a young murder witness. With Ann Sothern (29385326). Ends at **5.00**

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SPORT

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15 1994

Warwickshire chairman proposed for hot seat of chairman of selectors

Smith will provide safe pair of hands


Smith: taking over

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN BARBADOS

SIX months after the resignation of a sad and embittered Ted Dexter, English cricket is ready to identify his successor. A statement tomorrow will disclose the recommendations of a working party set up by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), who will next month be asked to approve the choice of Mike Smith as chairman of selectors.

The full board meeting on March 8 and 9 is scheduled to debate and adopt the findings of the four-man working party on a restructured selection process. Smith, 60, in the Caribbean as the England tour manager, has long been regarded as the favourite to become chairman and it is understood he will be appointed to take over before the home series against New Zealand and South Africa.

The small print of the redefined position will not emerge until after the board meeting, for it is the full board which must rubber-stamp the relevant appointments. In theory, it could still overturn the proposals of the working party, which met three times and included Ossie Wheatley, as chairman of the cricket committee, Alan Smith, chief executive of the board, and two county chairmen, David Acfield, of Essex, and Duncan Fearnley, of Worcestershire.

It is likely, however, that Smith will have the job on an initial three-year basis. His duties, unlike those of his predecessor, whose brief was so broad and ill-defined that even the counties did not fully comprehend it, will be confined to selection, management and discipline of the Test team. Two further, permanent selectors are expected to be appointed to a panel that will automatically include Keith Fletcher, as team manager, and the captain.

This is essentially a return to the system that existed before 1989, when the England committee was formed and its chairmanship was tailored for Dexter. Announcing his plans at a press conference he had called himself, Dexter memorably stated his belief that everything he had done in life had prepared him for the role. Sadly, he was unprepared for the vilification, affecting his wife and family, which accompanied team failure.

Those within the system were resentful at the savage and uninformed ridiculing of a chairman whose portfolio stretched far beyond selection, while those on the fringes — county chairmen among them — were so resentful at being excluded from the creation and operation of the Dexter administration that they were happy to see it fall.

At least one such chairman, no longer in office, offered gratuitous criticisms of Dexter to the media rather than to the board, a process of destruction from within which had an appreciable bearing on Dexter's decision to go.

The board's priority, since Dexter's departure, has been to take its time and ensure that the new system is thoroughly researched and democratically approved. M. J. K. Smith is an uncontroversial choice as chairman, less flamboyant but less likely to commit the verbal gaffes for which Dexter was lampooned.

As a popular, capable and immensely experienced man of cricket, the time is thought to be right for Smith. The chairman of Warwickshire, he captained England between 1963 and 1966, ironically taking over from Dexter. A shrewd, thoughtful and sometimes taciturn character, he is making a quiet but firm impression on his first tour as manager.

Smith was quite prepared to hear that a younger man was thought preferable. But he has retired early, having sold his interests in a leisure business, and is able to devote the necessary time to the position without complications. As the new position is also less demanding than that undertaken by Dexter, a decision must be made on whether any remuneration is appropriate.

The committee, over which Dexter presided, will now be divided. The selection panel, under Smith, will be responsible for the Test team, while a second committee, notionally known as Development, will deal with wider issues such as sponsorship, preparation and age-group national teams.

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Hackl claims gold after Prock falters on last run

FROM CHRIS MOORE IN LILLEHAMMER

GEORG Hackl made Olympic history yesterday when he became the first luger successfully to defend the men's singles title. The 27-year-old German claimed the gold medal from Markus Prock, of Austria, his arch-rival, winning by 0.013sec, the narrowest margin of victory in the event in Olympic competition.

Hackl, who triumphed at Albertville in 1992, also won a silver medal at Calgary in 1988. Leading overnight, Hackl watched as Prock took a 0.048sec advantage with a time of 50.166sec in his first run of the day.

That looked good enough for Prock, the World Cup and European champion this year, to clinch the one title he has not won. With the running order reversed for the final run, Hackl's hopes seemed further diminished when he was clocked at 50.491sec, which was 0.065sec slower than Armin Zoeggeller, of Italy, the bronze medal-winner.

But Prock followed him down in only the seventh fastest time, 50.552sec, letting the gold medal slip from his grasp. "I would not have been disappointed with the silver because I feel very sorry for Prock," Hackl said. "He has won everything else and if I'm being honest, he has been the best racer all season. It was only good luck for me that decided this race."

A dejected Prock could not explain his final time. "If you lose five-hundredths of a second you always know why. But when you talk about only one-hundredth, there is no knowing.

"All my runs were good. But on the final run the track became slower and slower after each racer, and that is not the best conditions for Austrians. But in the end it was fortune that was not on my side." Paul Hix, the only Briton in the event, moved up two places, finishing 26th out of a field of 33. His total time over the four runs was 3min 29.115sec, 7.5sec behind Hackl.

"I'm really relieved that it is all over." Hix, a 19-year-old who was born in the Isle of Wight but is based in Germany, said. "It was my first Games and I don't think I've done too badly. I was pleased to have put in pretty consistent runs over the course."

In the pairs skating, Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov, from Moscow, who won the gold medal at Calgary and have been reinstated to the amateur ranks after turning professional, had to depend heavily on their reputations to take the lead. Grinkov slipped going into their shadow spins, one of eight elements making up the technical programme, and the pair struggled to regain their composure, but five of the nine judges still awarded them a 5.8 technical mark.

Two of the judges, from Germany and Australia respectively, gave their first preference to the defending champions, Natalya Mishkutienok and Artur Dmitriev, from St Petersburg. Jackie Soames and John Jenkins, the British pair, are sixteenth.

Dave Belam, Britain's solitary cross-country skier at the Games, improved on his personal best by nearly three minutes in the 30km freestyle event. Buoyed by a huge Norwegian crowd, for whom the sport is virtually a national obsession, the 26-year-old from Chingford clocked 1hr 24min 28.2sec.

Although that left him only sixtieth out of 75 starters, Belam said: "I've never skied faster over this distance so I'm pretty pleased. It was a hard course and I felt it all the way from about 500 metres onwards. But the crowd was fantastic. People kept on calling my name and urging me onwards."

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SVEN NACKSTRAND



Georg Hackl, of Germany, on the way to winning the gold medal in the men's singles luge. He is the first luger to defend the title successfully, edging out Markus Prock, of Austria, by 0.013sec

Artificial scent forces rogue elk to cry wolf

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TWO elk have been killed by trains on the lines to Olympic venues since the Lillehammer Games began but dozens more have been lured away from the tracks by the promise of tasty pine needles and the pungent smell of wolf urine.

A Norwegian State Railways (NSB) official, Dagfinn Berge said yesterday a helicopter equipped with a heat-seeking device had helped spot elk wading through snow near the line and avoided further collisions.

"We have had two hits with elk in the area between Lillestroem and Eidsvoll [south of Lillehammer] since Friday," he said. "But the trains were local ones and there was no delay to Olympic traffic." More than 10,000 spectators are using the trains each day.

Near-record snowfalls have forced elk out of the forests and on to the tracks where it is easier to walk, and 13 were killed on the Olympic line in January alone, compared with six throughout 1993.

In addition to the high-tech helicopter, Berge said workers had been laying out hay and pine needles for the elk — one adult can devour 33 lb of pine needles a day — in cleared areas away from the rails.

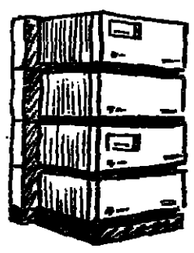
"It is working very well," he said. "It is getting better. Yesterday 43 were spotted in the Ringebu area [near the downhill skiing course] and were fed." Another 13 were observed from the air in the region where the two were hit.

Artificial wolf urine has also been sprayed near the tracks to frighten the elk back into the woods. "It is chemically created," Berge said. The helicopter patrols key sections of the line between Oslo and Lillehammer, which is single-track for most of the 115-mile route, and has been a great success, Berge added.

"The drivers get advance warning and can slow down," he said. "We are sure it has helped." NSB has also fitted cow-catchers to its Olympic trains to protect the wheels and brakes.

The elk appear to be under control and trains are running smoothly despite the number of passengers, but another problem has emerged. "There is a beer tent in Lillehammer and drunk people come out and try to take a shortcut across the track," Berge said. "We have had to post guards there. It is very dangerous."

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 89

ACROSS
1 On time (6)
4 Hostile alien robot (5)
8 Mate; crockery (5)
9 Derring-do (7)
10 Speak loving nothings (3)
11 Place of residence (5)
12 Search thoroughly and urgently (7)
14 Harsh authoritarian ruler (6)
16 Floodlit military pageant (6)
20 Captive used for bartering (7)
23 German currency (1-4)
24 Excessively (3)
25 Get around, counter (a problem) (7)
26 Aggressively masculine (5)
27 Pyramids country (5)
28 Warm zipped jacket (6)

DOWN
1 Be fussy (4,3,6)
2 Boding ill (7)
3 Inactive pill (7)
4 Tense-looking (5)
5 Jungle climbing plant (5)
6 Insurers' agreement (5,3,5)
7 Terminate prematurely (5)
13 Worked as judge (3)
15 Glibly produced (3)
17 Insect section, behind thorax (7)
18 Public transport vehicle (7)
19 Cell; safe; decline to nothing (5)
21 Region of France: G&S theatre (5)
22 Expect (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 88

ACROSS: 1 Padres 4 Rasped 8 Grown-up 10 Prism 11 Toll 12 Business 14 Shelf life 18 Applique 20 Keep 22 Split 23 Scuttle 24 Drapes 25 Spared

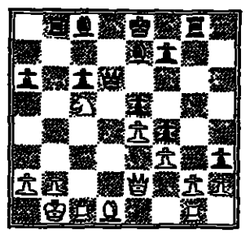
DOWN: 1 Pigsty 2 Doodles 3 Erne 5 Amphibia 6 Poise 7 Damask 9 Plus fours 13 Belittle 15 Erector 16 Parsed 17 Spread 19 Polka 21 Cusp

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Harman - Basman, Hastings Challenge 1994.

Black, to play, found a neat way to force resignation. Can you see it?



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AEGILOPS
a. Leering goatishly
b. An optic fistula
c. A giant-killer

BASILAR
a. Pertaining to the skull
b. Kingly
c. A palace god

SCARUS
a. A parrot-fish
b. A ridge in limestone
c. A windmill scarecrow

SLANTINDICULAR
a. Slantwise
b. Speaking in riddles
c. A Mormon priestly official

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